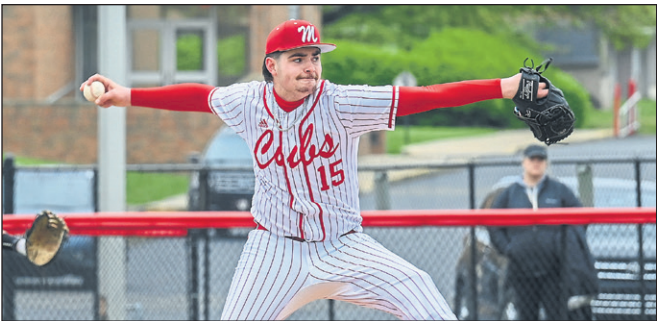
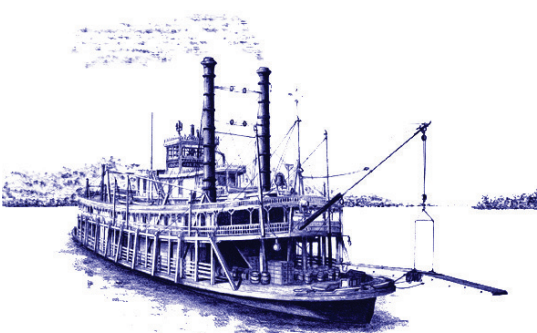
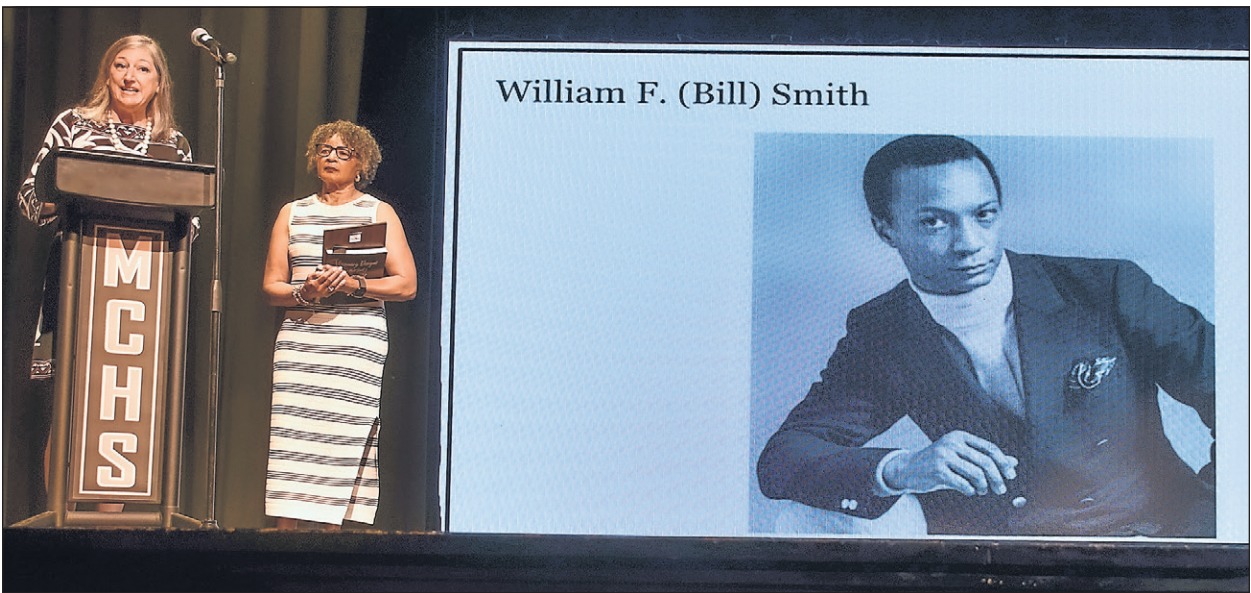




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JoAnne Spiller (left) and Sue Livers represented Bill Smith at Friday's Madison Consolidated High School Alumni of Fame induction ceremony. Smith, known as one the most innovative jewelry designers of the 1960s and 1970s, was a 1951 graduate of Madison High School.

MCHS inducts Courtney, Eades, Newell, Smith to Hall of Fame

BY BOB DEMAREE

“Life is full of possibilities and dreams are planted right here in the halls of Madison Consolidated High School,” said Madison Mayor Bob Courtney during his induction into the Alumni Hall Fame on Friday at Opal E. Sherman Auditorium.

Courtney, a 1981 MCHS graduate, was one of four alumni inducted along with Bill Smith, a 1951 graduate; Fran Eades, a 1965 graduate; and Josh Newell, a 1994 graduate.

“To say I’m honored to stand here today would be an understatement,” said Courtney. “Being inducted into the MCHS Alumni Hall of Fame is one of those moments in life you never quite see coming, but when it does it makes you stop, reflect and be grateful. Today I meet this day with deep gratitude — gratitude for my roots as a Walnut Street kid, for my family, my friends, the school, my former teachers and coaches, my teammates, my classmates and for the community that has shaped me into the person I am today.

“Madison Consolidated High School gave me more than an education, it gave me a foundation. It taught me that after high school the learning process isn’t over but in fact it’s only beginning,” he said to the students who filled the auditorium. “My time here and your time here is preparing us for the challenges that lie ahead.”

Courtney has been Mayor of Madison since 2019 and is now serving his second term. Prior to that, he had a career in investment banking working with communities and developers all across the nation. In high school, Courtney was an outstanding distance runner for the Cubs. “My goals in life have always been simple but aspirational. I’m incredibly grateful for the success I’ve enjoyed, and even though becoming Mayor of the city of Madison was not anything I ever planned for, I was ready when the time arose,” said Courtney,

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Madison Consolidated High School Principal Ronnie Lawhead (left) presents a plaque to Madison Mayor Bob Courtney, a 1981 graduate, for his induction Friday into the MCHS Alumni Hall of Fame.



Josh Newell, a 1994 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School and executive director of the Jesus Film Project, was inducted into the MCHS Alumni Hall of Fame on Friday.



Fran Adams Eades, a 1965 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School, was inducted into the MCHS Alumni Hall of Fame on Friday, recognizing her 38 years at the Jefferson County Division of Family and Children for helping infants to young adults up to age 18.

Madison woman facing murder charge in domestic stabbing

Victim Casey Hilt dead at the scene

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A 26-year-old Madison woman has been charged with murder in connection with the stabbing death of her girlfriend, Casey Kellan Hilt, 23, Madison, and three counts of attempted murder in connection with a domestic altercation that took place at the Presidential Estates apartments on Madison’s hill-top early Friday morning.

Tori Michelle Dennison, 180 Taft Drive, was arraigned in Jefferson Circuit Court Friday afternoon for an initial hearing facing four Level 1 felonies. She pleaded not guilty and was ordered to be held without bond by Circuit Judge D.J. Mote. Deputy Prosecutor Mark Wynn indicated the state will seek No Contact Orders related to the other three victims in the case.

According to an affidavit in the case, the incident was investigated by Madison Police Department Det. Sgt. Kyle Cutshaw after officers were dispatched to 130 Regatta Court, Apartment E, at 2:32 a.m. in reference to a “female who was actively stabbing her girlfriend.”

MPD Officer Andrew Gibbs and Jefferson County Sheriff’s Deputy Cameron Napier arrived first at the scene at approximately 2:36 a.m. and, along with JCSO Sgt. Devlin McMIndes, forced entry into the residence. Once inside they could hear “knocking, screaming and crying coming from the upstairs portion of the apartment.”

Gibbs went to the stairway, identified the arrival of police and ordered the occupants to come downstairs with their hands up. Within a few seconds Dennison came halfway down the stairs with a “substantial amount of blood on both of her arms, both of her hands and her clothing” and Gibbs observed a knife in her right hand. He ordered Dennison to drop the knife and she complied and he then commanded her to come down the stairs where she

was placed into custody. Gibbs and McMIndes continued upstairs where they discovered a female, later identified as Hilt, lying on a bed on her back. Gibbs said Hilt’s eyes and mouth were open but she was not breathing and he “did not believe lifesaving options were viable for Casey at that point.”

Gibbs and McMIndes continued to clear other rooms in the upstairs of the apartment and located Diane M. Hall, who is Dennison’s mother, and two other subjects in a separate bedroom. The officers had all three exit the crime scene.

While being interviewed later Friday morning, Hall told police she observed what she believed to be Dennison punching Hilt, but then realized she was stabbing Hilt and fled to the other bedroom with the two other occupants. She said her daughter has a girlfriend named Casey and that they were staying the night at the Regatta Court apartment and that Dennison had been drinking throughout the evening, but Hilt had not.

Hall told police that shortly before police were called, Dennison and Hilt had been arguing and shouting. When she went to break up the argument she heard Hilt say “no, Tori, no.”

A search warrant was obtained for a blood sample from Dennison and while the sample was being collected at Norton King’s Daughters’ Hospital, Patrolman Aaron Watson Jr. heard Dennison ask “did I kill her.”

While being interviewed later at the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office & Criminal Justice Center, Dennison told Cutshaw and Det. Sgt. Ricky Harris that she and Hilt had been in a relationship for about a year and have had fights in the past but nothing physical. She told police she had been drinking beer but denied consuming other alcohol or drugs. She said she was “supposed to take medication for depression, anxiety and schizophrenia, but has not taken her medication in a long time.”

Dennison said Hilt

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HHRC chair Stormer to resign next month

BY BOB DEMAREE

Jane Stormer will be stepping down as chair of the county’s Health and Human Relations Commission following the May meeting.

Stormer, who is among the

original commission members appointed by the County Commissioners when the board was formed in early 2023, was elected chair at the June 2023 meeting, and announced at Thursday’s commission meeting her intent to

resign after next month’s meeting. Stormer cited other increasing commitments in her life as the reason for her resignation that includes serving on the Hanover Town Council which she was elected in caucus during the sum-

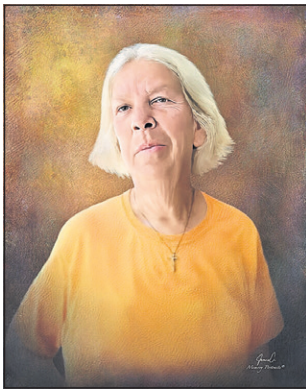
mer of 2024, completing the unexpired term of Kenny Garrett. Meanwhile, the board welcomed new appointee Stephanie Godward, filling all of the commission’s seats at least for a month until Stormer’s resignation is effective.

Others on the commission include Commissioner David Bramer, Amanda Chandler, Cami Keltch, Tomeka Livers, D.J. Walch, Lindsey Faulstick and Gigi Christie.

OBITUARIES

Denise Lenora Snyder

Denise Lenora Snyder, age 69, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Dec. 13, 1955, in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Arnold and Nelda Guerich Snyder. She was raised catholic and grew up in Madison. She graduated in 1973 from Madison Consolidated High School. She was blessed to raise a daughter, Kristin and a son, Matt. She worked early in life for about 10 years with the U. S. Shoe Corporation and then spent 30 plus years at Grote Industries. She was a member of the Major



Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed her girls trips to Gatlinburg for the past 25 years. She was an avid IU Basketball fan, enjoyed making candy for

family and friends, liked raising flowers, playing Bingo at the legion, casino lottery, playing horseshoes, walking, and reading. She was awaiting the birth of her first great grandchild. Denise died on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 2:44 p.m., at the Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, KY. Denise will be missed by her loving daughter, Kristin Stafford and her companion, Joe Breech of Hanover, IN; her loving son, Matt Snyder of Madison, IN; her companion, Donnie Hyden of Madison, IN;

her grandchildren, Jordyn Lanham, Ryan Snyder, and his companion, Madison, Erin Snyder, and Kobe Snyder; her sisters, Deborah Walls of Madison, IN, Della Turner of Madison, IN, Diana James of Madison, IN; her brothers, Doug Turner and his wife, Donna of Hanover, IN, David Snyder and his wife, Teresa of Madison, IN, Dennis “Rusty” Snyder of Madison, IN, Daniel Snyder and his wife, Maria of Mechanicsville, MD; 20-nieces and nephews; 19 great nieces and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arnold Snyder, her mother, Nelda Guerich Snyder Hall, her step dad, Chester Hall, her sister, Donna Denning, her brother, Donald “Max” Snyder, her brothers in law, John Walls and Michael James, her nieces, Joy Turner and Erin Turner, and her uncle, Ronnie Guerich. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow at a later date in the Springdale

Cemetery, 600 West Fifth Street in downtown Madison, IN. Friends may visit Tuesday, from 5 — 7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, or memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Janet Michelle Hardin Stevens

Janet Michelle Hardin Stevens, age 55, of Milton, KY, entered this life on Nov. 1, 1969, in Louisville, KY. She was the loving daughter of the late John and Joyce Hemmerle Hardin. She was raised in Louisville, and graduated from Fern Creek High School. Janet then attended and graduated from Rets Institute of Technology. On May 24, 2003, she was united in marriage to Theodore “Ted” Todd Stevens at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Louisville, KY. She was employed for 20 years as a field consultant with Beckton and Dixon of San Diego, CA. She enjoyed selling her baked goods at the Milton Farmer’s Market in Trimble County. She was an avid gardener, loved baking, enjoyed her chickens and her dogs, liked going to the beach, and was the proud Pin Ball Wizard of 1999. She fought a courageous battle with cancer for the past four years. Janet died on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 1:38 a.m., at her home in Milton, KY.



Janet will be missed by her loving husband of 22 years, Theodore “Ted” Todd Stevens of Milton, Kentucky; her brothers and sisters, Julie Kwiek and her husband, John of Louisville, KY, Jean Estes of Louisville, KY, John Hardin, Jr., and his wife, Candi of Houston, TX, Jacqueline Holt and her husband, Alan of Cox’s Creek, KY, a twin brother, James Hardin and his wife, Teela of Louisville, KY, Joseph Hardin and his wife, Crystal of Bagdad, KY, Joshua Hardin and his wife, Chere of Louisville, KY; her brothers-in-law, Nathan Stevens of Fort Thomas, KY, and Abraham Stevens of Volcano, OR; her

sisters-in-law, Laura Lawson-Shaffery and her husband, Daniel of Madison, IN; seven nieces, 10 nephews, 16 great-nieces, and great-nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Joyce Hemmerle Hardin, a niece and a great-niece. Funeral services were held Monday, April 28, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Alan W. Holt at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Springdale Cemetery in downtown Madison, IN. Friends could visit Monday from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Linda Carol Bowman Elles

Linda Carol Bowman Elles, age 82, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on May 13, 1942, in Jefferson County, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Carl and Marie Crafton Bowman. She lived her entire life in Jefferson county, and was a 1960 graduate of Saluda High School near Hanover. She married the love of her life, Gayle Keith Elles, on Sept. 21, 1963, in Saluda. This union was blessed with two sons, Gary Keith and Michael. Linda worked early in life for Indiana Kentucky Electric Corporation for 11 years and worked part-time for Pride Supermarket in Hanover. She retired as the business office manager at the Hanover Nursing Center where she served from 1989 to 2019. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed playing cards, mainly Canasta, and exercising. She liked gardening, raising flowers, and going to the boat. Linda died on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 9:07 a.m., at



her home in Hanover, IN. Linda will be missed by her loving husband of 61 years, Gayle Keith Elles of Hanover, IN; her loving son, Michael Elles and his wife Leigh Ann of Sellersburg, IN; her grandchildren, Alyssa Morrison and her husband, Zach, Kyle Elles, Brianna Hartfield and her husband, Brandon and Lauren Johnson and her husband, Austin; her great grandchildren, Adelynn and Jace; her sisters, Phyllis Moore of Anderson, IN, Susan Lyons of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Carl

Bowman, her mother, Marie Crafton Bowman, her son, Gary Keith Elles, her brothers, Ronald Bowman and Kenneth Bowman, her sisters, Rosalie Amick, Joanne Vest, and Jeanette Andrew. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor J.D. Traylor at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North U.S. 421 near Madison, IN. Friends may visit Wednesday from 10 a.m. — 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hanover Baptist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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Bill to make school board elections partisan awaits Braun’s signature

BY LESLIE BONILLA MUÑIZ
INDIANA CAPITAL CHRONICLE
Indiana is set to join the handful of states running partisan school board elections after a squeaker of a final vote last Thursday — pending a decision from Republican Gov. Mike Braun. All 50 members of the Senate —including Sena-

tor Randy Maxwell, who represents local voters — rushed to participate in the 26-24 concurrence tally, with one straggler bursting into the chamber just before Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith closed the voting machine. The GOP supermajority barely nabbed the constitutional minimum of 26 to

avoid a tie-breaking vote from Beckwith, who presides over the Senate. “My gosh, the woke-ness they have in these school boards, even in Republican areas,” remarked Sen. Mike Young, R-Indianapolis. “If you don’t believe this harms our kids, look at our scores.” “We don’t know who the best people are with the best philosophy and why shouldn’t we know that?” he asked. He was among those supporters who believe school boards are too liberal. Forty-one states provide for nonpartisan school board elections, according to Ballotpedia. Five allow for either,

depending on the district, and four do partisan elections. Senate Enrolled Act 287 would add Indiana to the latter group by requiring partisan designations on general election ballots. Opponents argued the changes would introduce or exacerbate partisanship in schools. “We heard the quiet part out loud: this bill is about fear of ... diversity of thought, fear of challenging the status quo,” said Senate Minority Leader Shelli Yoder, D-Bloomington. “Why else would we turn school board elections into party primaries? To push out the independent thinker, to challenge or to silence

the community member who doesn’t check the right partisan box but knows how to lead with expertise, experience and integrity.” Sen. Liz Brown, R-Fort Wayne, asserted the legislation attempts to “fix a problem that doesn’t exist in my community.” “My four school boards — I can tell you probably within 90% certainty what I think their political affiliations are — but it’s never an issue,” she said. “... Those school board members focus on the policy and how to get our K-12 kids to where they need to be to be successful.” Author Sen. Gary Byrne, R-Byrneville, said it actually “gives the voters what they want.” “If you’re getting your phones lit up from the school board association or maybe the superintendents — the voters want this,” he told his colleagues just before the vote. The measure would require nominating peti-

tions to state the candidate’s political party affiliation, that the candidate is independent of a party, or that the candidate choses to be listed as nonpartisan. Partisan hopefuls would have letters next to their names on general election ballots, while independent and nonpartisan candidates would get blank spaces. Straight-ticket voting — in which voters can choose a party’s entire slate of candidates with a single ballot mark — wouldn’t apply. But that’s not how the proposal originally accomplished its goal. It would’ve required school board candidates to run in partisan primary elections until House lawmakers stripped that out and resurrected their own pared-back language. The Senate seemed inclined to agree to the House’s overhaul when it filed a concurrence April 1, but that was withdrawn April 10. Senators

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CORRECTION

A story on the Madison Main Street Gala and Dessert Auction in Friday’s edition was in error. Mary Moehlmann recovered from a pedestrian vs. vehicle accident on Main



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Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.
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Temperature: High 81, Low 59, Mean 70.0, Excess 15.4
Precipitation since last published: 1.18
Precipitation, April 2025: 8.39
Precipitation, 2025: 24.76
Barometer: 30.12, Steady
River Level at Clifty Creek: 425.36, Steady
Forecast: Wednesday: Thunderstorms High 76/Low 64; Thursday: Thunderstorms High 78/Low 60; Friday: Showers High 72/Low 50; Saturday: Mostly sunny High 65/Low 44.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 10-20-32-36-43-45 (4/26). Estimated Jackpot: \$2.6 million. Next Drawing (4/26).
Cash Five: 28-32-33-37-45 (4/27)
Cash 4 Life: 4-18-31-34-52 CB: 4 (4/27)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 4-13-14-22 CB 5 (4/27)
Lucky For Life: 4-19-35-36-41 LB: 5 (4/27)

MEGAMILLIONS: 38-40-60-62-70 MB: 9 (4/25). Next Jackpot: \$70 million.Next Drawing (4/29)
POWERBALL: 1-12-14-18-69 PB: 2, PP 3 (4/26). One ticket sold in Michigan for \$167.3 million jackpot. Next Estimated Jackpot: \$20-million.-Next Drawing (4/28)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 12-20-26-38-40 PB: 5 (4/26). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (4/28)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

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Lane Penick

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 3
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OBITUARIES

Linda Lucille Hock

Linda Lucille Hock, age 77, of Madison, IN, entered this life on June 29, 1947, in Madison, IN, to Mary Elizabeth Thornton Hock and Charles Theodore Hock. Linda was the oldest of three siblings and came from a large extended family of grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.



Linda worked at Grote Industries for over 40 years, had worked at the shoe factory and had studied to be an EMT and passed her certification, something she was very proud of. She chose her career path to Grote instead of becoming an EMT. Linda loved to hunt for bargains, stop at yard sales, and combed thrift stores, and was always ready to make a deal, or barter for services, or goods. She was thrifty, loved using a good coupon and recycled aluminum cans for years as her Pop had taught her. She saved everything and anything. Her home is like a time warp. She liked to recycle and up cycle-years before it was the right thing to do. She played a good hand of cards, could shoot pool, and always loved driving her truck. She enjoyed collecting southwest items, being drawn to Indians, wolves, and dream catchers. She loved putting puzzles together and playing handheld Yahtzee games and kept her scores written down for years. She liked to crack a joke and a cold beer after mowing the grass. She said she was

wild back in the day, and her family believes her. Linda was a generous and caring person, often helping strangers, friends and animals. If she made a friend, she would keep that friend for life. She truly did not judge others, a rare quality in a person. She would laugh and say she was that crazy neighborhood cat lady who fed the outside critters as she called them. She could also be stubborn. She wasn't just my aunt but also my friend. we always had a deep connection despite the large gap in age between us. She was a deep thinker and curious. We could talk about everything and anything-aliens, angels, the afterlife, GOD, etc. We liked watching Skinwalker Ranch, Curse of Oak Island, and Ancient Aliens. We both love collecting rocks, trinkets, being in nature, love cats, and eating — Two peas in a pod. Crazy as June bugs! She said she always knew cancer would get her in the end and she was right. She had lung cancer that spread

quickly throughout her body. She died peacefully in her home with hospice alongside her helping us both, just as she wished. Her cat, Sweetie Pie, never left her side. She departed this world on Monday, April 21, 2025, at her home.

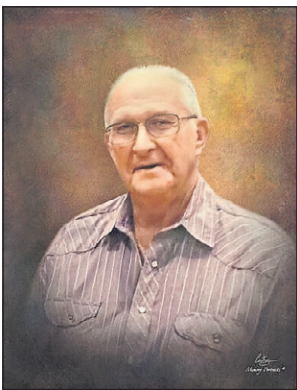
Linda will be missed by her loving niece, Lisa R. Greene and her husband J.B. of Berea, KY, and her great niece, Shelby Greene. We were honored to help take care of her and be part of her journey. She will also be missed by her sister, Marlene Glowiak and her husband Paul of Madison, IN, and her nieces, Megan and Mary.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles T. Hock, her mother, Mary E. Thornton Hock, her brother, Lawrence “Larry” Hock, and her cat, Lazy “Big Boy”.

Private services will be conducted Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 2 p.m., by Pastor Troy Hedges at the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North U.S. 421 near Madison, IN. Internment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North U.S. 421 near Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Thomas ‘Tom’ G. Meier



Thomas “Tom” G. Meier, age 84, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Jan. 3, 1941, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of the late, Roy “Pete” and Agnes Cash Meier. He resided all of his life in Jefferson County, and was a 1959 graduate of Hanover High School. He was inducted into the United States Army on June 30, 1959, in Madison, IN, and was transferred to the Indiana National Guard. He rose to the rate of Specialist Four serving Company A, 2nd Battalion, 138th Armored Division. He was honorably discharged on May 31, 1967. On July 2, 1960, Tom was united in marriage to Elaine V. Long at the Zoar United Methodist Church near Kent. This happy union of nearly 65 years was blessed with three daughters, Brenda, Lou Ann, and Charlotte. He farmed all of his life, milking Holsteins, raising beef cattle, raising tobacco, corn, and soybeans. He grew some of the best Alfalfa in the county. Tom served on the ASCS Board for nine years. He was a charter member of the Kent Volunteer Fire Department, member of the IOOF Lodge and the Madison Moose Lodge No. 765. In his early years, he had a

race car and loved drag racing, was an excellent mechanic, and could fix anything. He loved horseback riding, barrel racing, and going to tractor pulls. Tom died on Sunday, April 20, 2025, at 11 p.m., at his home in Madison, IN, with his loving family at his side.

Tom will be missed by his loving wife of nearly 65 years, Elaine V. Long Meier of Madison, IN; his daughters, Brenda Meier of Madison, IN, Charlotte Meier of Castleberry, FL; his granddaughter, Hannah Lohr Smalley and her husband, Evan; his grandson, Dillon Lohr; his brother, Larry Meier and his wife, Rhoda of Charlestown, IN; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Mary Arbuckle of Madison, IN, Ronnie Long and his wife, Janet of Madison, IN, Eston Long and his wife, Cindy of Hanover, IN, Dora Powell of Madison, IN, Kenny

Long and his wife, Jackie of Madison, IN, David Long and his wife, Linda of Lexington, IN, Jenita Long of Madison, IN, Penny Long of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy “Pete” Meier, his mother, Agnes Cash Meier, and his daughter, Lou Ann Meier Lohr.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 3 p.m., by Bro. Brian Schulz and Gary Hornsby at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North U.S. Hwy 421 near Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Saturday from 12 — 3. p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kent Christian Church or the Southwestern FFA. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

James Sidney Johnson, ‘Jimmy’

James “Jimmy” Sidney Johnson, age 82, of Hanover, IN, passed away Tuesday, April 8th, at his beloved home on the river. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Jimmy lived to care for his family-and to keep his lawn impeccably mowed, always with his wife Barbara riding right beside him.



several great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his daughter-in-law Tracy Johnson, and his granddaughter Jasmine Johnson.

He leaves behind a legacy of strength and unwavering love-and a family forever better for having had him. Jimmy will be deeply missed, but the impact of his love and kindness will echo for generations.

Graveside services, Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 12 p.m., at New Prospect Cemetery near Hanover, IN.

Memorials can be made in his memory to the American Stroke Foundation. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

fleet of grandkids to Mr. Gatti’s in a pickup truck, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band on repeat. He was happiest when his family was close, the river was calm, and the grass was freshly cut.

Jimmy is survived by his wife of nearly 62 years, Barbara Ann; his three sons Jeff (Tina) Johnson, Greg Johnson, and Chris (Heather) Johnson; his grandchildren Kristen (Jeremy) Lewis, Tyler (Sarah) Johnson, Trenton Johnson, Coty Johnson, Kelsea Johnson, John Johnson, Ally Hall, and

Known for his physical strength, Jimmy was a towering figure in both stature and spirit. His hands, calloused from a lifetime of labor, could lift just about anything-but it was his gentle heart that truly defined him. And rumor has it, that heart softened many times over once he became a grandpa.

He was the kind of man who made things work, whether it was getting the generator going during a power outage or figuring out how to haul a whole

Mary Ruth O’Brien Branish



Mary Ruth O’Brien Branish, age 93, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on Sept. 22, 1931, in Columbia, PA. She was the loving daughter of the late John and Edna Mae Derr O’Brien. She attended school and lived most of her life in Philadelphia. She first married Henry Wisniewski on June 30, 1959, and was blessed with a daughter, Debbie. They raised her son Jack, and Debbie, and enjoyed their time together until his death on March 5, 1979. She married Charles Branish on December 1, 1984, in Philadelphia. They enjoyed 20 years of marriage together until his death on April 5, 2004. She worked for Horn Hardart for 17 years, Pen Wax for 12 years, and retired from Sears in Philadelphia. She lived in Warsaw, VA, for 19 years and

then moved to Madison, IN, in 2009. She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Philadelphia, and after moving to Madison, attended the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She enjoyed bird watching, reading, writing, gardening, her family, and journaling. She had a passion for raising and racing pigeons with Mickey and was deeply loyal to her dog Jake. She avidly followed government affairs and took copious notes while

watching C-SPAN until she could no longer see to write. Above all else, Mary treasured time spent with her family. Mary Ruth died on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 1:41 p.m., at the Aperion Care Hanover in Hanover, IN.

Mary Ruth will be missed by her loving daughter, Debbie Wisniewski and her companion, Joe VanDyke of Philadelphia, PA; her loving son, Jack OBrien and his wife, Janelle of Madison, IN; her grandchildren, Michelle, Kathleen, Jonathan, Kenneth, Jennifer, Steven, Kate, Jenna; her great-grandchildren, Landon, Caroline, Eleanor, Thomas, Natalie, Owen, Andrew, Ava, Shae, Alexandra, Charles, James.

She was preceded in death by her father, John O’Brien, her mother, Edna Mae Derr O’Brien, her brother, Herman

O’Brienand Frank Meeker, her first husband, Henry Wisniewski, her second husband, Charles Branish, her sisters, Caroline Metzel, Catherine Meeker and Gloria Rota, her great grandson, Tyler.

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 2 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Saturday from 1 p.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cornea Research Foundation of America. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Sherry Lynn Kinman O’Neal

Sherry Lynn Kinman O’Neal, age 67, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Jan. 5, 1958, in Carrollton, KY. She was the loving daughter of the late Charles William and Leona Frances Shelton Kinman. She was raised in Trimble County and attended Trimble County High School. On August 26, 1973, Sherry was united in marriage to Ricky Lee O’Neal at the Locust Baptist Church. They had resided in Jefferson County since 1988. Sherry was employed for over 25 years with Reliance Electric Company in Madison, where she retired. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, travel, going to the boat, and being with her grandchildren. Sherry died on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 11:02 p.m., at her residence in Madison, IN.

Sherry will be missed by her loving son, Israel O’Neal and his wife, Crystal of Edinburgh, IN; her loving daughter,



Amy O’Neal Fields of Madison, IN; her grandsons, Damon O’Neal, Ryan O’Neal (Angelique), Brady O’Neal, and Walker Lee Lucas; her sisters, Linda Robbins of Carrollton, KY, Millie Proctor of Carrollton, KY, Joyce Backus of Canaan, IN; her brother, Danny Kinman and his wife, Lynn of Taylorsville, KY; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles William Kinman, her mother, Leona Frances Shelton Kinman, her beloved husband of 50 years,

Ricky Lee “Rick” O’Neal died, May 6, 2023, her brothers, Herb Kinman, Ronnie Kinman, Gary Ray Kinman, and Jerry Lee Kinman, and her sister, Janie Smith.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Michael Cammack at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Brooksbury Cemetery in Brooksbury, IN.

Friends may visit Wednesday from 4 — 7 p.m., and Thursday from 10 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Forrest Daryel Ellis, 93, of Aurora, IN, and formerly of Deputy, IN, died Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Ridgewood Health Campus in Lawrenceburg, IN.

Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Casey Kellan Hilt, 23, of Madison, IN, died Friday, April 25, 2025, in Madison. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Mable Bernice Turner Schanding, 92, of Madison, IN, died Sunday, April 27, 2025, at Norton King’s Daughters’ Health. The funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Christopher Taylor, 63, of Madison, IN, died

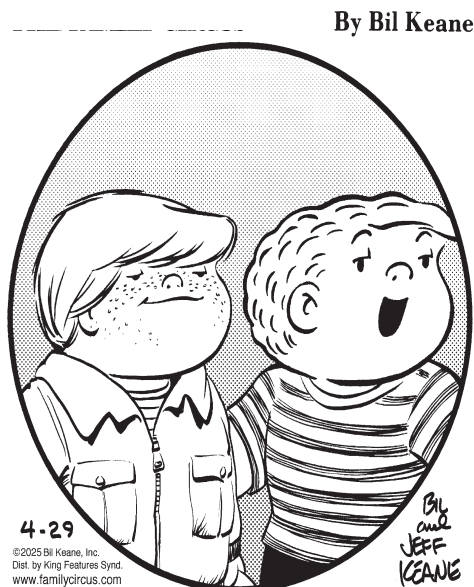
Sunday, April 27, 2025, at his home. Visitation is 4-6 p.m. Monday, May 5, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Rebecca Ann Rodgers Whipple, 80, Carrollton, KY, died Saturday, April 19, 2025, in Carrollton. No formal services will be held. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home of Carrollton, www.tandy-eckler-rileyfuneralhome.com.

Marsha Kay Holcomb Wilks, 76, of Vevay, IN, died Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at The River Apostolic Church in Vevay, with burial in the Vevay Cemetery there. Arrangements by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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“Don’t you like Mike’s freckles?
Can I grow some, too?”

DENNIS THE MENACE

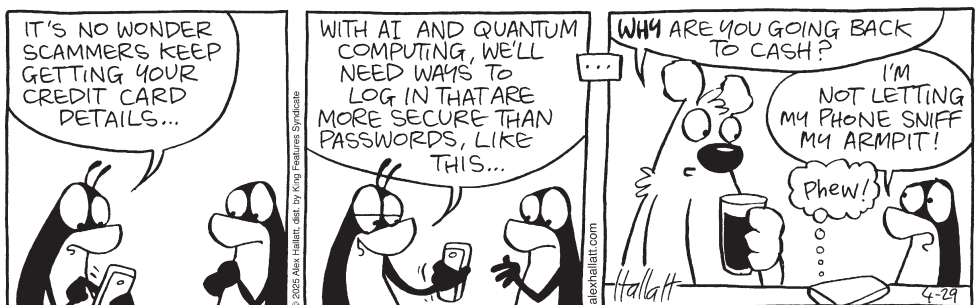


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“I TELL IT LIKE IT IS, AND MR. WILSON TELLS IT LIKE IT WAS.”

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ARCTIC CIRCLE



IT’S NO WONDER SCAMMERS KEEP GETTING YOUR CREDIT CARD DETAILS...

WITH AI AND QUANTUM COMPUTING, WE’LL NEED WAYS TO LOG IN THAT ARE MORE SECURE THAN PASSWORDS, LIKE THIS...

WHY ARE YOU GOING BACK TO CASH?

I’M NOT LETTING MY PHONE SNIFF MY ARMPIT!

Phew!

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I’m sorry you have to return to the office. Maybe you’ll feel better if you grab a box of those pens I like.

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BEETLE BAILEY



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF LT. FUZZ?

HE’S AN OBSEQUIOUS SYCOPHANT

I HEARD THAT!

GREG MORT WALKER

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

ER, IT’S A COMPLIMENT, SIR

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



THE DINNER PARTY

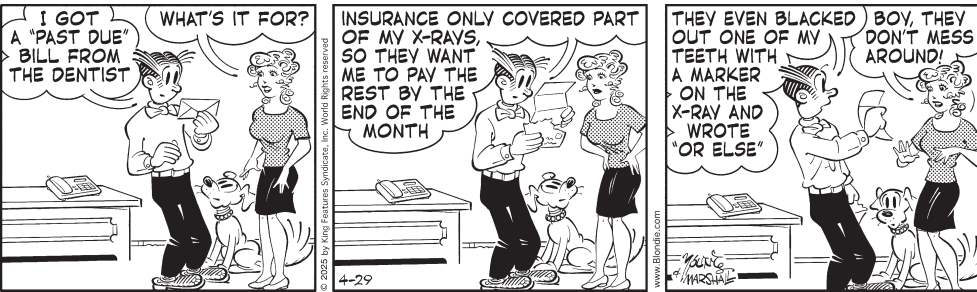
I appreciate their candor.

THAT’S THEIR BEDROOM. THEY’RE VERY COMFORTABLE WITH THEIR OPEN MARRIAGE.

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BLONDIE



I GOT A “PAST DUE” BILL FROM THE DENTIST

WHAT’S IT FOR?

INSURANCE ONLY COVERED PART OF MY X-RAYS, SO THEY WANT ME TO PAY THE REST BY THE END OF THE MONTH

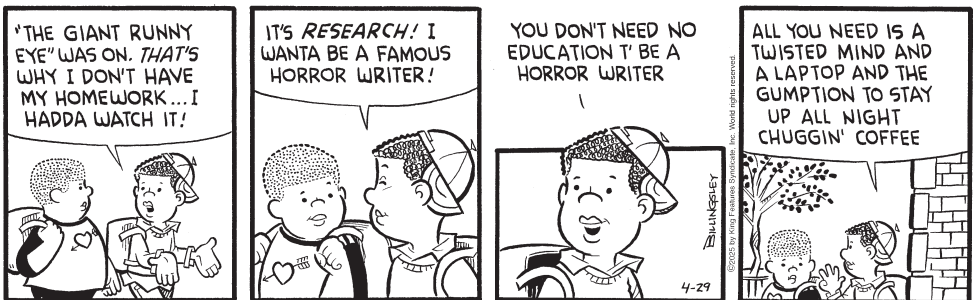
THEY EVEN BLACKED OUT ONE OF MY TEETH WITH A MARKER ON THE X-RAY AND WROTE “OR ELSE”

BOY, THEY DON’T MESS AROUND!

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CURTIS



“THE GIANT RUNNY EYE” WAS ON. THAT’S WHY I DON’T HAVE MY HOMEWORK... I HADDA WATCH IT!

IT’S RESEARCH! I WANTA BE A FAMOUS HORROR WRITER!

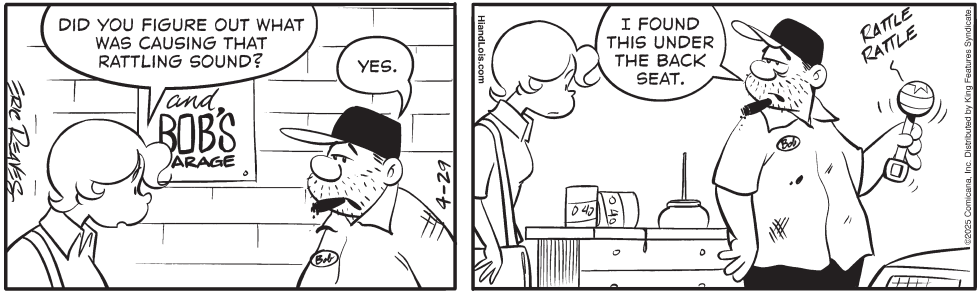
YOU DON’T NEED NO EDUCATION T’ BE A HORROR WRITER

ALL YOU NEED IS A TWISTED MIND AND A LAPTOP AND THE GUMPTION TO STAY UP ALL NIGHT CHUGGIN’ COFFEE

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HI & LOIS



DID YOU FIGURE OUT WHAT WAS CAUSING THAT RATTLING SOUND?

YES.

and BOB’S GARAGE

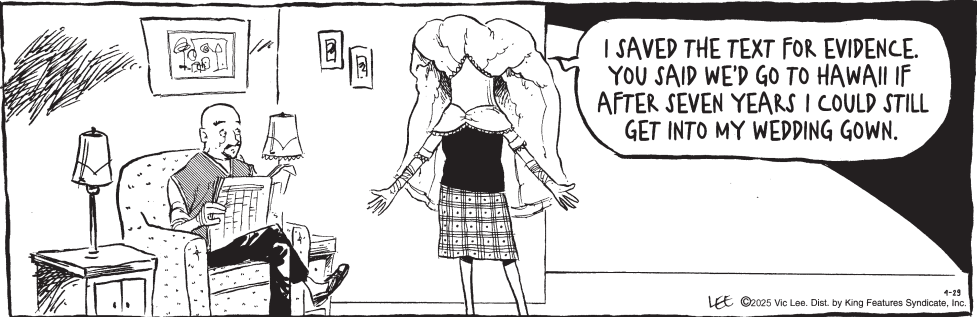
I FOUND THIS UNDER THE BACK SEAT.

RATTLE RATTLE

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PARDON MY PLANET



I SAVED THE TEXT FOR EVIDENCE. YOU SAID WE’D GO TO HAWAII IF AFTER SEVEN YEARS I COULD STILL GET INTO MY WEDDING GOWN.

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ZITS



DAD, ARE YOU DRESSED?

YUP, COME ON IN.

GAH!

I MEANT COMPLETELY DRESSED!

OH.

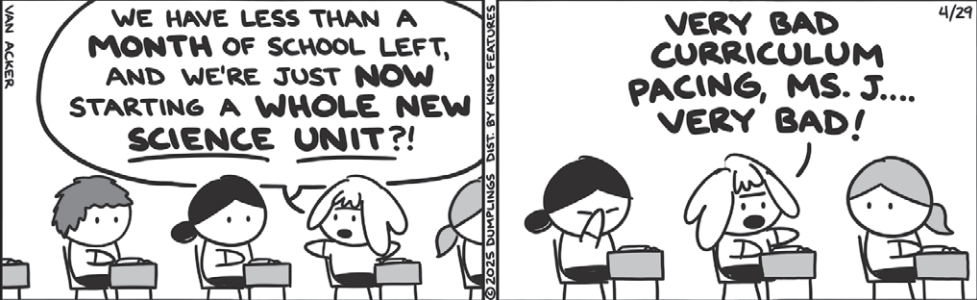
I’LL BE BACK WHEN MY EYES HEAL.

I EARNED THIS BODY, BUB!

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DUMPLINGS



WE HAVE LESS THAN A MONTH OF SCHOOL LEFT, AND WE’RE JUST NOW STARTING A WHOLE NEW SCIENCE UNIT?!

VERY BAD CURRICULUM PACING, MS. J.... VERY BAD!

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



I STOPPED TO SEE HOW PRACTICE IS GOING FOR THE UPCOMING TOURNAMENT.

I DON’T KNOW IF YOUR AIM IS TERRIBLE OR TERRIFIC!

I THINK YOU DO!

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SIX CHIX



I HEARD CAT VIDEOS ARE FUNNY. TOO BAD THIS IS A STATIONARY COMIC.

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH PRESENT... SPARKPLUG’S GRANDSON LI’L SPARKY

WE’LL PROBABLY SEE LOTS OF FOREST ANIMALS ON THIS TRAIL RIDE !!

YES, IT SURE WAS NICE TO MEET THAT WOODPECKER !!

YES, BUT I WISH HE’D LAY OFF THE KNOCK-KNOCK JOKES !!

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SALLY FORTH



I CAN’T BELIEVE WE FINISHED OUR GRAPHIC NOVEL!

I KNOW!

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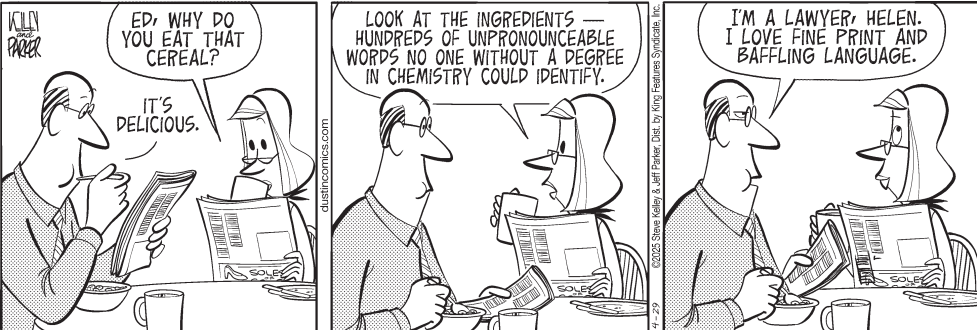
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NOW WHAT?

WE BASK IN THE GLOW OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENT BEFORE WE CRUMBLE IN THE FACE OF PUBLIC SCRUTINY.

KEFE

DUSTIN



ED, WHY DO YOU EAT THAT CEREAL?

IT’S DELICIOUS.

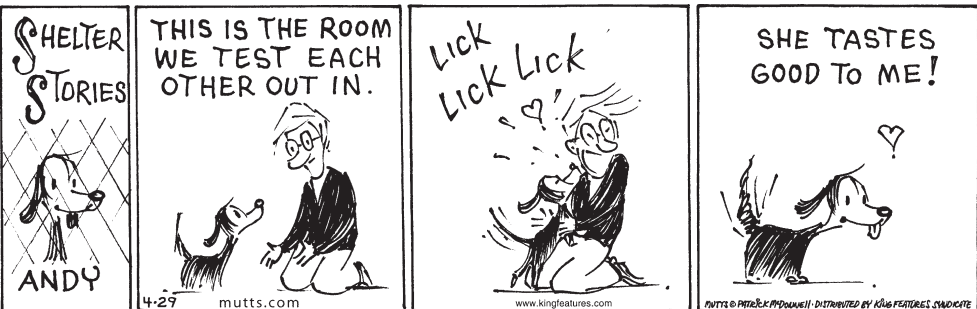
LOOK AT THE INGREDIENTS — HUNDREDS OF UNPRONOUNCEABLE WORDS NO ONE WITHOUT A DEGREE IN CHEMISTRY COULD IDENTIFY.

I’M A LAWYER, HELEN. I LOVE FINE PRINT AND BAFFLING LANGUAGE.

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SHELTER STORIES

ANDY

THIS IS THE ROOM WE TEST EACH OTHER OUT IN.

Lick Lick Lick

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SHE TASTES GOOD TO ME!

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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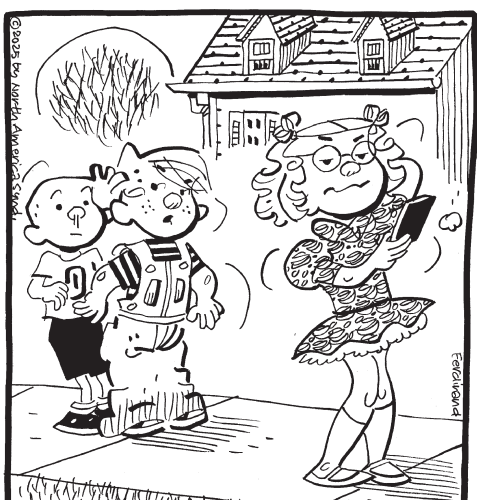


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"My shoes aren't muddy anymore.
I walked through a puddle."

DENNIS THE MENACE



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"HOLD ON! MARGARET'S TAKIN' ANOTHER
SELFISH MOMENT OF HERSELF."

ARCTIC CIRCLE

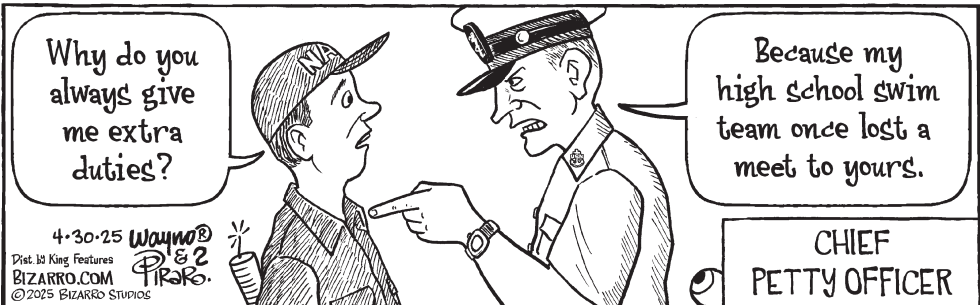


ED REPLACED MY
PASSWORDS WITH SUPER-
SECURE FACIAL
RECOGNITION...

BOF!

NEXT TIME, DRINK
YOUR COFFEE FIRST.

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Why do you
always give
me extra
duties?

Because my
high school swim
team once lost a
meet to yours.

CHIEF
PETTY OFFICER

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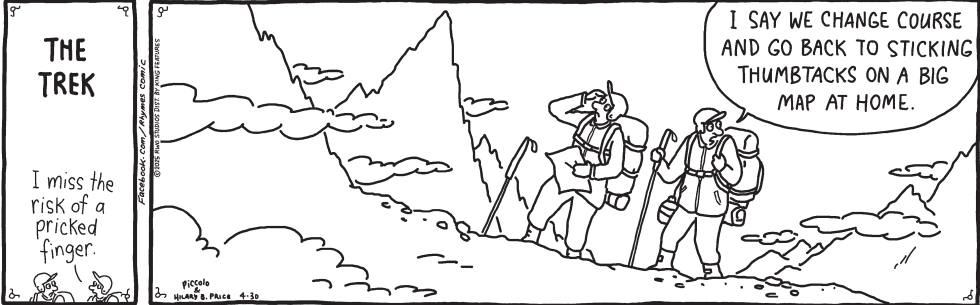


DID YOU FINISH
THAT REPORT,
MISS BUXLEY?

IT WILL BE DONE
BY THE TIME YOU
GET BACK FROM
GOLF, SIR

ACTUALLY, I'LL BE
DONE IN 15 MINUTES.
AND THEN I'M
OUTTA HERE!

RHYMES WITH ORANGE



THE
TREK

I miss the
risk of a
pricked
finger.

I SAY WE CHANGE COURSE
AND GO BACK TO STICKING
THUMBTRACKS ON A BIG
MAP AT HOME.

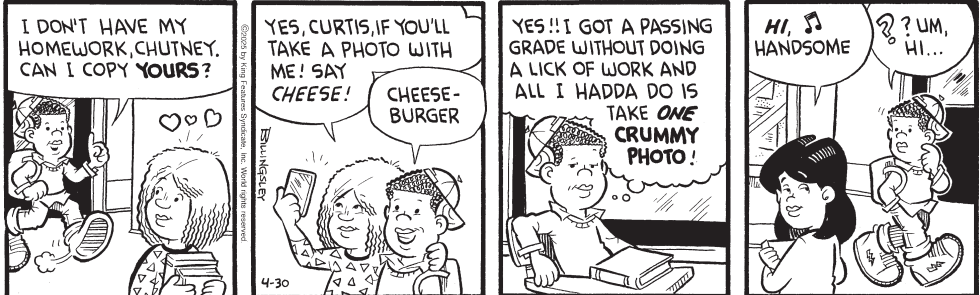
BLONDIE



I'VE MADE LISTS OF YOUR
STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

WOULD YOU CARE TO GUESS
WHICH ONE IS WHICH?

CURTIS



I DON'T HAVE MY
HOMEWORK, CHUTNEY.
CAN I COPY
YOURS?

YES, CURTIS, IF YOU'LL
TAKE A PHOTO WITH
ME! SAY
CHEESE!

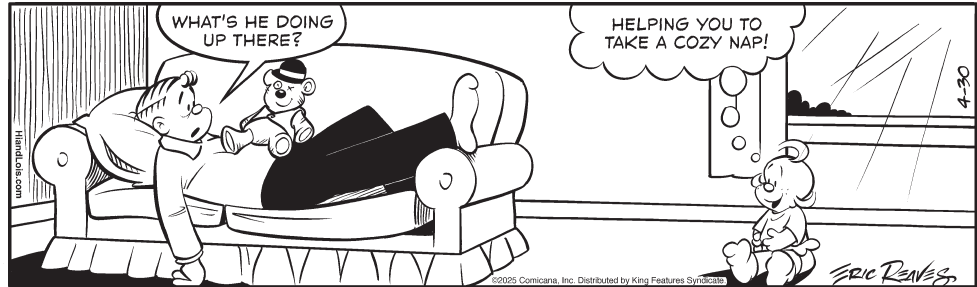
CHEESE-
BURGER

YES!! I GOT A PASSING
GRADE WITHOUT DOING
A LICK OF WORK AND
ALL I HADDA DO IS
TAKE ONE
CRUMMY
PHOTO!

HI, ♪
HANDSOME

? ? UM,
HI...

HI & LOIS



WHAT'S HE DOING
UP THERE?

HELPING YOU TO
TAKE A COZY NAP!

PARDON MY PLANET



IN CALIFORNIA, IT'S ALWAYS
SAFETY FIRST! WE WON'T GO
ANYWHERE WITHOUT STRAPPING
OUR INNER CHILD IN THE
BACK SEAT.

ZITS



JEREMY, TAKE
THESE FLOWERS
TO SARA.

WHY?

JUST BECAUSE!
YOU DON'T NEED
A REASON TO
BE SWEET.

DON'T ASK ME
WHY, BUT THESE
ARE APPARENTLY
FOR YOU.

TELL
YOUR MOM
THEY'RE
LOVELY.

DUMPLINGS



UGH...WHY DO
WE HAVE TO
LEARN ABOUT
STUPID
PLANETS?

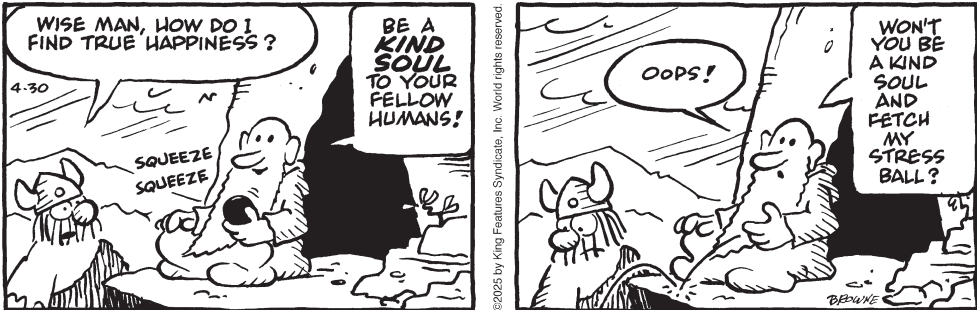
'CUZ THAT'S
WHAT MS. J.
SAID.

SO? - WHO
DIED AND MADE
HER BOSS?

NOBODY
DIED.

USURPER!

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



WISE MAN, HOW DO I
FIND TRUE HAPPINESS?

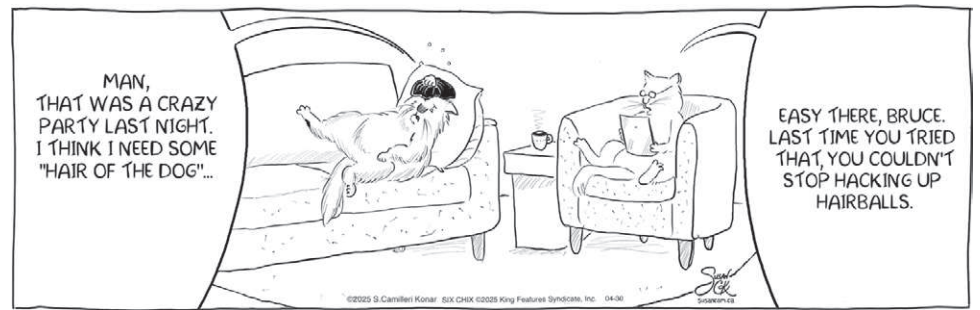
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE

BE A
KIND
SOUL
TO YOUR
FELLOW
HUMANS!

OOOPS!

WOON'T
YOU BE
A KIND
SOUL
AND
FETCH
MY
STRESS
BALL?

SIX CHIX



MAN,
THAT WAS A CRAZY
PARTY LAST NIGHT.
I THINK I NEED SOME
"HAIR OF THE DOG"...

EASY THERE, BRUCE.
LAST TIME YOU TRIED
THAT, YOU COULDN'T
STOP HACKING UP
HAIRBALLS.

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



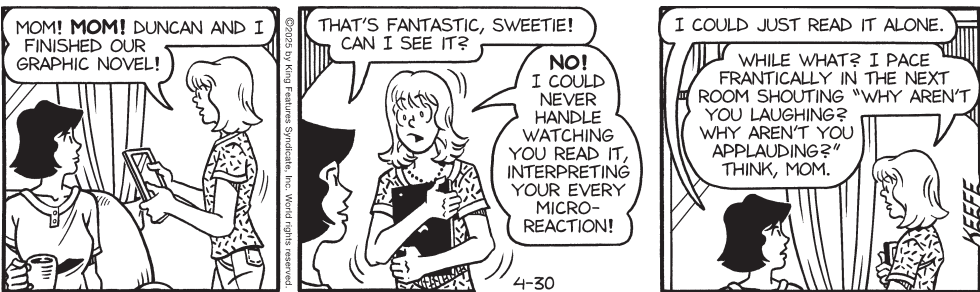
BARNEY GOOGLE
AND
SNUFFY SMITH
PRESENT...
SPARKPLUG'S
GRANDSON
L'L SPARKY

I HIBERNATED FOR
ABOUT
FIVE MONTHS
THIS YEAR
!!

WOW !!
THAT'S
A LONG
NAP !!

YEAH, I'VE HEARD THAT AROUND
THESE PARTS SNUFFY SMITH IS
THE ONLY ONE WHO
SLEEPS MORE
THAN ME !!

SALLY FORTH



MOM! MOM! DUNCAN AND I
FINISHED OUR
GRAPHIC NOVEL!

THAT'S FANTASTIC, SWEETIE!
CAN I SEE IT?

NO!
I COULD
NEVER
HANDLE
WATCHING
YOU READ IT.
INTERPRETING
YOUR EVERY
MICRO-
REACTION!

I COULD JUST READ IT ALONE.
WHILE WHAT? I PACE
FRANTICALLY IN THE NEXT
ROOM SHOUTING "WHY AREN'T
YOU LAUGHING?
WHY AREN'T YOU
APPLAUDING?"
THINK, MOM.

DUSTIN



FETCH, BOY!

ISN'T A BASKETBALL
KIND OF BIG
TO BE PLAYING
FETCH WITH?

OH.

MUTTS



SHELTER
STORIES

ANDY

I THINK SHE'S
FILLING OUT THE
ADOPTION PAPERS.

THAT'S ANDY
WITH A "Y."

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER LODGINGS
April 25, 2025
Tori Michelle Dennison, 26, Madison, for Murder, a Level 1 felony. No bond.
Ana L. Mata Gamboa, 41, Hanover, for Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.
April 26, 2025
Brandon Dean Fisk, 23, Patriot,

Indiana, for Habitual Traffic Violator, a Level 6 felony. Bond \$1,000 cash.
Gina R. Owen, 41, Hanover, for Obstruction of Justice and Unlawful Possession of Use of a Legend Drug, both Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.
Gina Robin Skirvin, 52, for Domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.
Edward Johnathan Theriault, 35, Madison, on a Jefferson County

bench warrant. Bond \$2,500 cash.
April 27, 2025
Skyler James Bell, 28, Hanover, for Public Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.
REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS JEFFERSON COUNTY
April 24, 2025
Madison Farm LLC to Shannon L. Romozzi (trustee) and Shannon L. Romozzi Trust, approximately 5

acres at 419 South Zoar Church Road, Madison.
Lisa Yok to Lisa York, approximately 2.9 acres at 4146 West State Road 56, Hanover.
Sasha Gray and Cool Cash Inc. to Marisela Nopal De La Cruz, 181 West Main Street, Hanover.
Jonathon Clark and Sabrina Clark to Beau Recon LLC and Sasha Gray, 241 South Sycamore Street, Hanover (\$38,510).
Virginia A. Manship, Julie D.

Stethen and Virginia A. Manship Revocable Trust to Johnathan Crafton and Rachel Crafton, 2529 Woods Edge Drive, Madison.
Renavae W. Adams and Paula Kay Ball to Coleman Henry Jones and Abigail Marie Ralston, 532 Miles Ridge Road, Madison.
Howard L. Breeden and Sarah T. Wurtz to Howard L. Breeden, Sarah T. Wurtz abd Denys Sokolovskiy, 622 West First Street, Madison.

Big Tech energy demands making coal-fired power plants attractive

BY MARC LEVY
ASSOCIATED PRESS
HARRISBURG, Pa. — Coal-fired power plants, long an increasingly money-losing proposition in the U.S., are becoming more valuable now that the suddenly strong demand for electricity to run Big Tech’s cloud computing and artificial intelligence applications has set off a full-on sprint to find new energy sources.

President Donald Trump — who has pushed for U.S. “energy dominance” in the global market and suggested that coal can help meet surging power demand — is wielding his emergency authority to entice utilities to keep older coal-fired plants online and producing electricity. While some utilities were already delaying the retirement of coal-fired plants, the scores of coal-fired plants that have been shut down the past couple years — or will be shut down in the next couple years — are the object of growing interest from tech companies, venture capitalists, states and others com-

peting for electricity. That’s because they have a very attractive quality: high-voltage lines connecting to the electricity grid that they aren’t using anymore and that a new power plant could use. That ready-to-go connection could enable a new generation of power plants — gas, nuclear, wind, solar or even battery storage — to help meet the demand for new power sources more quickly. For years, the bureaucratic nightmare around building new high-voltage power lines has ensnared efforts to get permits for such interconnections for new power plants, said John Jacobs, an energy policy analyst for the Washington, D.C.-based Bipartisan Policy Center. “They are very interested in the potential here. Everyone sort of sees the writing on the wall for the need for transmission infrastructure, the need for clean firm power, the difficulty with siting projects and the value of reusing brownfield sites,” Jacobs said.

RISING POWER DEMAND, DYING COAL PLANTS
Coincidentally, the pace of retirements of the nation’s aging coal-fired plants had been projected to accelerate at a time when electricity demand is rising for the first time in decades. The Department of Energy, in a December report, said its strategy for meeting that demand includes re-using coal plants, which have been unable to compete with a flood of cheap natural gas while being burdened with tougher pollution regulations aimed at its comparatively heavy emissions of planet-warming greenhouse gases. There are federal incentives, as well — such as tax credits and loan guarantees — that encourage the redevelopment of retired coal-fired plants into new energy sources. Todd Snitchler, president and CEO of the Electric Power Supply Association, which represents independent power plant owners, said he expected Trump’s executive orders

will mean some coal-fired plants run longer than they would have — but that they are still destined for retirement. **SURGING DEMAND MEANS POWER PLANTS ARE NEEDED, FAST**
Time is of the essence in getting power plants online. Data center developers are reporting a yearlong wait in some areas to connect to the regional electricity grid. Rights-of-way approvals to build power lines can also be difficult to secure, given objections by neighbors who may not want to live near them. Stephen DeFrank, chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, said he believes rising energy demand has made retiring coal-fired plants far more valuable. That’s especially true now that the operator of the congested mid-Atlantic power grid has re-configured its plans to favor sites like retired coal-fired plants as a shortcut to meet demand, DeFrank said.

“That’s going to make these properties more valuable because now, as long as I’m shovel ready, these power plants have that connection already established, I can go in and convert it to whatever,” DeFrank said. **GAS, SOLAR AND MORE AT COAL POWER SITES**
In Pennsylvania, the vast majority of conversions is likely to be natural gas because Pennsylvania sits atop the prolific Marcellus Shale reservoir, DeFrank said. In states across the South, utilities are replacing retiring or retired coal units with gas. That includes a plant owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority; a Duke Energy project in North Carolina; and a Georgia Power plant. The high-voltage lines at retired coal plants on the Atlantic Coast in New Jersey and Massachusetts were used to connect offshore wind turbines to electricity grids. In Alabama, the site of a coal-fired plant, Plant Gorgas, shuttered in 2019, will become home to Alabama

Power’s first utility-scale battery energy storage plant. Texas-based Vistra, meanwhile, is in the process of installing solar panels and energy storage plants at a fleet of retired and still-operating coal-fired plants it owns in Illinois, thanks in part to state subsidies approved there in 2021. **NUCLEAR MIGHT BE COMING**
Nuclear is also getting a hard look. In Arizona, lawmakers are advancing legislation to make it easier for three utilities there — Arizona Public Service, Salt River Project and Tucson Electric Power — to put advanced nuclear reactors on the sites of retiring coal-fired plants. At the behest of Indiana’s governor, Purdue University studied how the state could attract a new nuclear power industry. In its November report, it estimated that reusing a coal-fired plant site for a new nuclear power plant could reduce project costs by between 7% and 26%.

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crediting former Jefferson County Sheriff and Madison Police Chief John Wallace for guiding him in that direction. Eades was employed at Jefferson County Division of Family and Children for 38 years, where she worked in her early years as a public assistance case-worker and child welfare worker before being promoted to public assistance supervisor. In her role, Eades was an advocate for neglected, innocent infants and toddlers whose families struggled to know how to care for them, providing guidance and support. With a highly sensitive caseload for infants to young adults

up to age 18, her work could be stressful and heartbreaking, but it also had rewards. Eades told of one case with a young man who had been involved in an attempted robbery. Several years later she found out that the man had turned his life around and was coming back to Jefferson County after being away many years. “There’s no place like home, and I think he knew I cared about him,” she said. Eades remembered being with families at funeral homes, in times of tragedy and sometimes in the courtroom. “Thinking of others was always important to me,” she said. Smith, who died in New York City in 1991, was one of the most innovative jewelry designers of the 1960s and 1970s. He attended

Broadway School until his senior year when he transferred to Madison High School. The award was accepted by JoAnne Spiller and Sue Livers on behalf of Smith, who Livers described as “resilient, courageous and independent.” In his youth, Livers said Smith was bullied and not accepted but “went on to do major things to represent our city.” Spiller researched Smith, leading to her publishing the book, “Visionary Designs by Bill Smith, tj.” She said Smith’s story is one that affirms “you can come from a small town and you can go out and make it big in this world. You can become famous.” Spiller said a collection of Smith’s jewelry will be on display at the Wright

Museum of African American History in Detroit from July to December “because they realize the importance of Bill Smith and his jewelry and his legacy. I am so proud that Madison is part of that story.” Newell, executive director of the Jesus Film Project since 2018, has had a 26-year career that began with Campus Crusade for Christ in which he has seen the Jesus Film Project develop from being a movie shown on a 16mm projector to now a digital format translated into more than 2,200 different languages. Newell, who was unable to attend the ceremony, spoke via video. “I can look back and say without any equivocation that Madison Consolidated High School formed me to an incredi-

ble degree” with the principles he learned as a teenager that have guided him throughout life, crediting in his teachers and coaches and citing in particular Keith Alexander, Jerry Dougan and Dana Hooton. Newell told of playing football for the Cubs as a senior, and that when he didn’t believe in his own ability Hooton would say, ‘I see something in you’, creating “a resiliency that has stayed with me the last three plus decades. Life has its ups and downs, and twists and turns. Picking yourself up off the ground takes a lot of resiliency.” Newell said, “I just want to honor the sacrifice of Madison Consolidated High School’s entire ecosystem of teachers, coaches, administration officials. You are all making it possible for the next generation

to succeed. I thank you for that in my life. I am deeply appreciative of it, and I can recognize MCHS’s fingerprint in my life.” The MCHS Hall of Fame was established in 2019 as a way to honor individuals whose deeds and character exemplify outstanding work in their life’s work and service to their communities. Past inductees include” Wayne Detmer, Carla Eades Krebs and Mary Stewart-Pellegrini in 2024; Nick Griffith, Garry Chandler and Marilyn McQueen in 2023, Sue Livers, Michael Bell and Robert Orrill in 2022, Ray Black Jr., Harold Hunt and Rodney Nay in 2021, Helen Cope, Marvin Eades and Damon Welch in 2020, and Dr. Robert Canida, Al Huntington and Wayne Perry in 2019.

MURDER

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had gone upstairs to sleep with her mother and had been gone approximately 10-20 minutes before she went upstairs and stabbed Hilt with the “survival knife” that she later dropped on the stairs when commanded by police. She said Hall had ran out of the room to the other bedroom during the attack.

Cutshaw said Dennison said during their interview, that after stabbing Hilt, she went to the other bedroom door and stabbed it with the knife because she “intended to kill everyone else.” With a suspect quickly taken into custody, Madison Police Chief Shawn Scudder announced late Friday morning that there was “no ongoing threat to the public” and that the investigation is ongoing with more details to be released as

they become available. “This is a tragic event for our community, and our hearts are with the victim’s family and loved ones,” said Scudder. “Thanks to the swift and coordinated work of our officers and investigators, we were able to quickly apprehend the suspect. We are committed to conducting a thorough investigation to ensure justice is served.” Court records show that Dennison has faced other charges in the past including pleading guilty

to Domestic Battery in the presence of a child less than 16 years old in November 2022, for which she was sentenced to 360 days probation and required to seek treatment. She also pleaded guilty to Invasion of Privacy-Violation of a Protective Order, in June 2022 and served eight days in the county jail. Dennison and Hilt are both graduates of Southwestern High School — Dennison in 2017 and Hilt in 2021.

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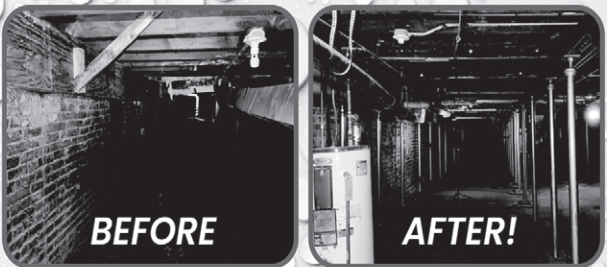
then voted to dissent. A conference committee, tasked with drawing up a compromise, met Monday — but on Tuesday, the dissent was rescinded and replaced with another concurrence.

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BASEBALL ROUNDUP

McCarty one-hitter leads Cubs over Salem

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Matt McCarty struck out 13 while twirling a one-hit shutout to lead Madison to a 4-0 win over Salem in the weather-shortened Big Mac Classic at home on Saturday.

McCarty walked two batters and allowed only a second-inning single while throwing his gem. Meanwhile, the Madison offense managed only six hits but made the most of every opportunity by scoring three runs in the first inning and one in the fifth to claim the win.

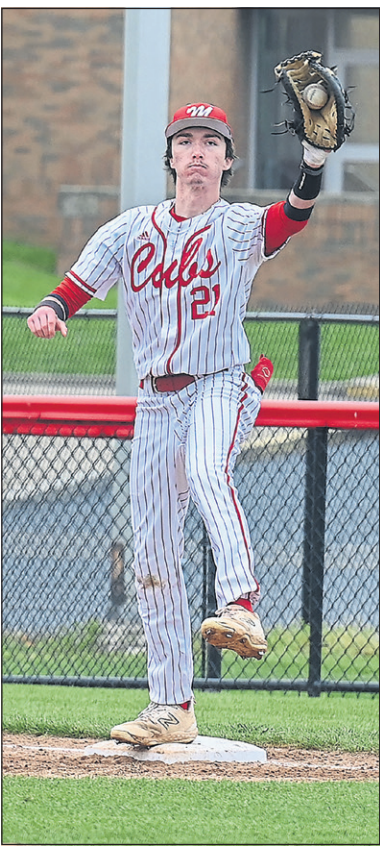
Nick Johnson continued his torrid pace, hitting two doubles and driving in two runs to lead the Cubs while Mitchell Cammack and Bodie Harsin each added hits. Elliot Kozenski had an RBI and scored a run.

Madison now 9-1 on the season, is off to its best start through 10 games since the state championship season of 1999. The Cubs traveled to Providence on Monday in a game that was moved up two days. Madison then heads to Charlestown on Tuesday and to Batesville on Friday.

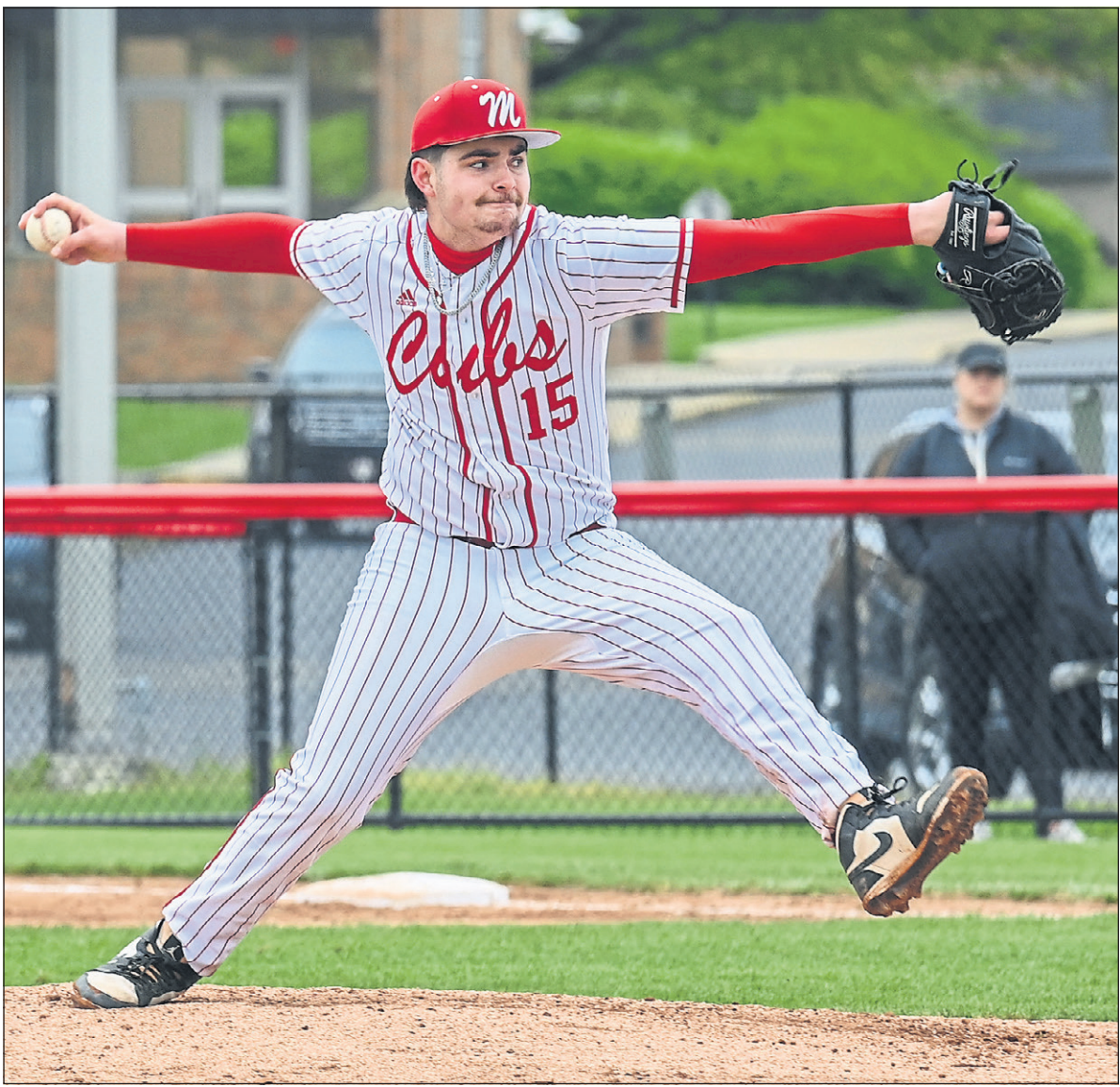
PACERS ROLL OVER SHAWEE

Switzerland County scored 13 runs in the third inning and rolled to a 22-2 win over Shawee in baseball Saturday in Vevay.

The Pacers had 18 hits in the game. Peyton Turner was 4-for-4 with three RBIs and a run scored, Carson Byrd was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and three runs, Jackson Sparks was 2-for-2 with a double, two RBIs and four runs, Bryce Eaglin was 2-for-3 with three RBIs and two runs, Cooper Todd was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs, and Roman Hite had a dou-



David Campbell
Madison first baseball Mitchell Cammack hauls in a throw during the Cubs' win over Salem at home on Saturday.



David Campbell
Madison pitcher Matt McCarty delivers during the Cubs' 4-0 win over Salem at home on Saturday. The junior right-hander struck out 13 while allowing only one single and two walks.

ble, an RBI and scored three runs.

Zayne Smith picked up the win after tossing two perfect innings with six strikeouts.

Shawe, meanwhile, got all of its offense on an Lyndon Jones two-run single. Traevin Liston allowed seven runs on eight hits in two innings for the loss.

Switzerland, now 5-2 overall, 2-1 Ohio River Valley Conference, hosted Southwestern on Monday, travels to Rising Sun on Wednesday and to Brownstown on Saturday.

Shawe, now 0-8 overall, 0-4

Creek on Saturday.

The host Dragons scored four runs in the third and seven in the fourth to blow open what had been a close game.

Brady Cook allowed four earned runs on seven hits in

3-1/3 innings to suffer the loss. Tryson Warren had the Rebels' lone hit.

Southwestern, now 7-5, traveled to Switzerland County on Monday and hosts Jac-Cen-Del Wednesday before going to Scottsburg Saturday.

Trimble finishes 1-2 in All 'A' Softball State Finals

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County picked up a win and lost two games in pool play in the All "A" Classic Softball State Finals at Jack C. Fisher Park in Owensboro on Saturday.

The Raiders opened the tournament with a 5-0 loss to Holy Cross and then fell 15-0 to Livingston Central. Trimble closed the tourney with a 15-0 win over Whitefield Academy.

Holy Cross used a three-run fourth inning to pull away for the win in game one. Shelby Wright was 2-for-3 with a double for the Raiders while Jocie Stucker had a double and Alyssa Ritchie had a single. Hannah Chilton struck out seven in six innings but got the loss.

Trimble was held to just a Ritchie single in the loss to Livingston Central. Ritchie also suffered the loss in the circle after allowing six earned

runs on eight hits in three innings.

Trimble's bats came alive in the pool play finale over Whitefield. Jaelynn Holbrook was 3-for-3 with a double, two RBIs and two runs scored for the Raiders, Wright was 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs, Alana Washington had two hits, drove in two runs and scored twice, Savannah Oldson had a double, two RBIs and two runs, and Stucker had a double and scored twice.

Ritchie pitched a three-inning shutout for the win, allowing three hits and striking out three.

Livingston Central (19-3) gave up its only runs of the tourney in a 17-2 win over Whitfield Academy on a walk, an error and the only hit of the game to open pool play. In addition to the win over Trimble, the Lady Cardinals shut out Holy Cross 13-0 and then rolled through the trophy round 10-0 over Bethle-

hem and 6-0 over Trinity (Whitesville) before shutting out Ballard Memorial 12-0 in the championship. The two hits allowed to Ballard were the most the Cardinals allowed in the tourney.

On Thursday, Trimble posted a 14-1 win over Gallatin County in a 31st District seed game.

Chilton was 3-for-4 with a double, three RBIs and two runs scored for the Raiders, Ritchie was 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs, Holbrook had two doubles and three RBIs, Oldson was 2-for-3 with a run scored, and Lily Truman had a double.

Ritchie pitched three scoreless innings for the win.

Trimble, now 12-7 overall, 3-3 district play, hosts district foe Eminence on Tuesday and heads to Eminence on Wednesday before traveling to Collins on Friday.

Garrett wins 200th as Southwestern tennis claims SITC title

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern girls tennis rolled to a championship win in the Southern Indiana Tennis Conference tourney and gave coach Kenny Garrett his 200th career win in the process Saturday at Hanover Park.

All five positions for the Rebels went 2-0 on the day as Southwestern won both matches by 2-0 scores. Annie Ford (No. 1), Emma Hatton (No. 2) and Natalie LaRue (No. 3) each won both of their singles matches while doubles players Raygan Crawford and Ava Barnes (No. 1) and Jocelyn Johnson and Kaylee Hite (No. 2) also went undefeated on the day.

Southwestern hosts Madison on Wednesday, Austin on Thursday and Milan on Friday.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 BASEBALL Trimble Co. hosts Eminence, 5:30 p.m. Carroll Co. hosts Henry Co., 6 p.m. Madison at Charlestown, 6 p.m. SOFTBALL Madison hosts Brownstown, 5:30 p.m. Carroll Co. hosts Henry Co., 6 p.m. Trimble Co. hosts Eminence, 6 p.m. TENNIS Madison girls host New Washington, 4:30 p.m. Trimble Co. hosts Eminence, 5 p.m. Shawe girls at Lanesville, 5:30 p.m. VOLLEYBALL Madison boys at Jeffersonville, 7 p.m.	SOFTBALL Hanover College hosts Franklin, 3 p.m. (DH) Southwestern hosts Jac-Cen-Del, 5 p.m. Switzerland Co. at Rising Sun, 5 p.m. Madison hosts Scottsburg, 5:30 p.m. TENNIS Southwestern girls host Madison, 4:30 p.m. Carroll Co. hosts Eminence, 5 p.m. VOLLEYBALL Southwestern boys at Scottsburg, 6 p.m.	Southwestern girls hosts Austin, 4:30 p.m. Shawe girls host Henryville, 5 p.m. Trimble Co. hosts Carroll Co., 5 p.m. TRACK & FIELD Switzerland Co. hosts Shawee, Southwestern, 5 p.m. Madison at Shelbyville, 5:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 BASEBALL Shawe at Milan, 5 p.m. Southwestern hosts Jac-Cen-Del, 5 p.m. Switzerland Co. at Rising Sun, 5 p.m.	THURSDAY, MAY 1 BASEBALL Trimble Co. at Eminence, 5:30 p.m. Carroll Co. at Henry Co., 6 p.m. GOLF Shawe boys at Jac-Cen-Del, 5 p.m. SOFTBALL Carroll Co. at Henry Co., 6 p.m. Trimble Co. at Eminence, 6 p.m. TENNIS	FRIDAY, MAY 2 BASEBALL Shawe hosts Rock Creek, 5:30 p.m. Carroll Co. at Scott, 6 p.m. Madison at Batesville, 6 p.m. GOLF Hanover College women, HCAC Championships at Transylvania, 10 a.m. SOFTBALL Switzerland Co. hosts Madison, 5 p.m. Southwestern hosts Clarksville, 5:30 p.m. TENNIS Southwestern girls hosts Milan, 5 p.m.

Madison volleyball sweep Southwestern, Shelbyville

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison boys volleyball closed out the week with a pair of straight-set wins over Southwestern and Shelbyville to run its win streak to seven.

The Cubs pounded Southwestern 25-6, 25-8, 25-9 in Hanover on Friday.

Kyle Roney had seven kills for Madison, Nick Jines had four kills, Jaden Woolridge had three kills, Brennen Cline had three kills, Jackson Schaefer had three kills, four digs and four aces, and Aiden Smith had 20 assists and six aces.

No statistics for Southwestern were available.

On Thursday, Madison swept Shelbyville 25-20, 25-18, 25-16 on the road.

Roney had 11 kills and six digs for the Cubs, Bryant Cline had seven kills and two blocks, Branson Cline had six kills, seven digs and three aces, Nick Jines had six digs, and Smith had 29 assists and five digs.

Southwestern, now 0-2, travels to Scottsburg on Wednesday and hosts Shawee next Tuesday.

Madison, now 12-7 on the season, hosted Shawee Monday and travels to Jeffersonville Tuesday. The Cubs then play in the Franklin Central Tournament Saturday.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Hanover men’s lacrosse falls to Transy in HCLC title game

BY THE COURIER STAFF:
Hanover men’s lacrosse was no match for Transylvania as the Pioneers rolled to a 26-5 win in the championship match of the Heartland Collegiate Lacrosse Conference Tournament Saturday in Lexington, Kentucky. Owen Parker had two goals and an assist for Hanover while Colin O’Brien also had two goals. Lance Guttormson had 19 saves in goal for the Panthers.

Hanover ends its season with a 11-4 record.

BASEBALL SWEEPS BLUFFTON
Hanover baseball posted a doubleheader sweep over Bluffton at home on Sunday, winning 6-4 and 6-3. Josh Simpson went 3-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI and Eric Roudebush was 2-for-5 with a double and two RBIs to lead Hanover in the game-one win. John Girard pitched eight strong innings for the win and Simpson got

the save. Reid Douglass had a triple, a single and an RBI in the game-two win. Sam Perkins, Simpson and Nicky Gutzwiller each had two hits. Chris Hautman struck out seven while pitching all nine innings for the win. Hanover, now 14-21 overall, 10-9 Heartland Conference, hosted Spalding on Monday in a game that was moved up a day from Tuesday due to the forecast for bad weather. The Panthers host Anderson for two games Saturday.

SOFTBALL GOES 1-3
Hanover was swept in a softball doubleheader at Mount St. Joseph on Saturday but split a twinbill at home with Manchester on Sunday. Hanover lost 9-4 to Mount in the first game. LauRie Harmless had two hits and an RBI for the Panthers and Sydnie Raisor had a double. Lauren Beaman took the loss. Hanover fell 11-3 in

game two against Mount. Beaman had two hits and Olivia Planck had a triple and two RBIs for the Panthers. Lulu Van Beek was tagged with the loss. Hanover scored a 6-5 win in the first game against Manchester on Sunday. Southwestern’s Ashley Fulton had a double and score a run for the Panthers and Jade Wims had two hits. Megan Ekart picked up the win in relief. Hanover lost 5-3 in the finale against Manchester. Planck had three hits, Fulton went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs and Beaman had a triple for the Panthers. Van Beek took the loss. Hanover, now 10-18 overall, 6-8 HCAC, hosts Franklin for two games Wednesday and heads to Anderson for two Saturday.

WOMEN’S GOLF FINISHES 7TH
Hanover women’s golf shot a two-round total of 698 to place seventh in the Millikin Take Back the

Night Event on Thursday and Friday of last week. Hailey Hansen tied for 25th with a 171 to lead the Panthers while Kami Cooper tied for 32nd with a 175, Taylor Caldwell was 35th with a 177, Addison Livorno was 38th with a 180 and Madelyn Arrenholtz was 45th with a 191. Hanover competes in the HCAC Championships at Transylvania beginning on Friday.

MEN’S GOLF PLACES 20TH
Hanover men’s golf shot a two-round total of 646 to place 20th in the Millikin Take Back the Night Event on Thursday and Friday of last week. Jacob Knapp led the Panthers with a 150, which was good for a tie for 39th. Brock Bredehoft tied for 92nd with a 161, Bing Wilson tied for 109th with a 167, Jackson Beam was 110th with a 168 and Southwestern’s Jackson Taylor tied for 113th with a 174.

Hanover next competes in the HCAC Championships at Earlham May 9-11.

LEGAL NOTICE

MEETING NOTIFICATION
PROPOSED CHANGE OF ZONING MAP

A favorable recommendation by the Plan Commission of the City of Madison has been forwarded to the Common Council of the City of Madison that the City of Madison Zoning Map to be modified so as to change the zoning of the following listed property from the current zoning classification of Light Industry (M-1) to Residential Agriculture (RA).

Address/Parcel I.D.
3483 N. MICHIGAN RD
39-08-14-000-016.000-006

3483 N. MICHIGAN RD
39-08-15-000-014.000-006

A favorable recommendation by the Plan Commission of the City of Madison has been forwarded to the Common Council of the City of Madison that the City of Madison Zoning Map to be modified so as to change the zoning of the following listed property from the current zoning classification of Heavy Industry(M-2) to Residential Medium Density(R-8).

Address
1145 W SECOND ST
Parcel I.D.
39-08-34-334-113.000-007

The proposal is included on the agenda of the City of Madison Common Council for May 6, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.

You are hereby advised that a copy of said proposal is on file for examination in the Office of Planning, Preservation & Design, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250. Written objections to the proposal that are filed with the secretary of the commission will be considered. Oral comments concerning the proposal will be heard at the May 6, 2025 and May 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. City Council meeting in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250. Nicole M Schell, Director of Planning/Secretary Madison City Plan Commission

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 39C01-2504-MI-354
THE THE MATTER OF:
Alexander Harrison Adams
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Alexander Harrison Adams, whose mailing address is: 17 S Main Cross St., Hanover, Indiana 47243, in the Jefferson County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Alexander Harrison Adams has filed a petition in the Jefferson County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Alexander Harrison Gingerich. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: June 17, 2025 @ 10:00am. Alexander Harrison Adams
Petitioner
4/09/2025
Tabatha Eblen
Jefferson County Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON
CIRCUIT COURT
ESTATE NUMBER 39C01-2504-EU-000030
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE
OF ALMA JANE MOORE,
DECEASED.
William Joseph Jenner,
JENNER, PATTISON &
SHARPE,
508 E. Main Street, Madison,
IN 47250; (812) 265-5132
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALMA JANE MOORE, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Randall L. Moore was, on the 5th day of April, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Alma Jane Moore, deceased, who died on the 23rd day of January, 2025.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 5th day of April, 2025.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN (SEAL)

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2504-MI-000393
BARBARA SCHAUM,
Plaintiff,
vs.
HOME FEDERAL BANK.,
EVERHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY, WELLS FARGO, NA,
and
UNKNOWN INTEREST HOLDERS IN A MORTGAGE RELATED TO THE REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 11250 E 400 N, Madison, IN 47250, Defendants.
SUMMONS
TO: ANY UNKNOWN INTEREST HOLDERS IN A MORTGAGE
1152 & 1200 E 400 N, Madison, IN 47250
THE STATE OF INDIANA to the above persons/entities named as Defendants and any other persons who may be concerned.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been sued in the court above named by the person named as Plaintiff. The nature of the suit is a Complaint to Quiet Title wherein Plaintiff seeks to quiet title to the subject real estate and release unreleased mortgages held by one of the above defendants. You must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title in writing by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published and if you fail to do so title to subject real estate should be quieted in the name of Plaintiffs and the mortgages will be released.
The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Devon M. Sharpe, of Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe, 508 East Main Street, Madison, Indiana, 47250, Telephone: (812) 265-5132.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 24th day of April, 2025.
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana

Carroll’s Tanzilla, Miller claim wins at Henry

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Carroll County’s Amabelle Tanzilla won two events and Macie Miller won one in the Wildcat Track & Field Classic at Henry County on Saturday in New Castle. Tanzilla won the girls discus with a throw of 74 feet, 8 inches and the shot put with a toss of 24 feet, 1 inch. Miller won the girls 100-meter hurdles in 18.39. As a team, Carroll scored 58 points to tie with Trimble County for fourth in the girls’ meet with Shelby County coming out on

top with 163. Henry County won the boys meet with 154 points while Trimble was seventh with 24 and Carroll was eighth with 12. Other top finishes for the Carroll girls were: Jocelinne Rodriguez Tinoco, second, triple jump, 25-5.5; 400 relay, third, 1:10.41; Helaney Gutierrez, fifth, long jump, 12-0.25; and Angel Harney, 10th, 400 dash, 1:31.32. Top finishes for the Trimble girls were: 400 relay, second, 1:05.13; Autumn Kaltenbach, second, discus, 65-8; Avery

Stockdale, third, 800 run, 2:46.51 and fifth, 1600 run, 6:11.30; Saylah Lott, third, shot put, 21-3 and fifth, discus, 53-6; Autrie Bremer, fourth, long jump, 12-5; Kinsten Long, fifth, 400 dash, 1:16.21; and Sydney Lott, fifth, shot put, 18-1. Top finishes for the Carroll boys were: Aiden Lilley, third, 300 hurdles, 45.84 and ninth, 200 dash, 31.28; Case Dermon, sixth, discus, 95-1 and 10th, shot put, 32-0; and Asriel Aguzul Mendoza, eighth, 200 dash, 25.59. Top finishes for the

Trimble boys were: Owen Jackson, third, 400 dash, 55.74 and 10th, 800 run, 2:33.34; Jamison Isley, third, discus, 101-0 and fifth, shot put, 36-3; Charlie Abbott, fourth, discus, 99-3 and eighth, shot put, 32-9; John Whitaker, seventh, shot put, 33-1 and 10th, discus, 91-2; and Landon Tuttle, ninth, discus, 92-4. Carroll and Trimble both return to action on Tuesday, May 6 at Carroll County.

Lodolo goes 7 strong
innings as Reds top Rockies 8-1

DENVER — Nick Lodolo allowed just two hits through seven shutout innings, and the Cincinnati Reds beat the struggling Colorado Rockies 8-1 on Sunday. The Rockies have dropped six in a row and are 4-23, the worst start in franchise history. They have lost all nine of the series they have played. Lodolo didn’t allow a hit until two outs in the sixth inning when Jordan Beck reached on a single to shortstop. The Reds appealed the call but it was upheld upon review, ending the no-hit bid. Noelvi Marte had three of Cincinnati’s 14 hits. Kyle Farmer singled

off the bag at third base in the seventh inning and Alan Trejo, acquired from Texas on Saturday and added to the 26-man roster Sunday, singled leading off the eighth and scored on Beck’s sacrifice fly. Lodolo (3-2) struck out nine in his longest outing of the season to help the Reds win their fourth in a row. **REDS 8, ROCKIES 7** Spencer Steer hit a two-run homer and the Cincinnati Reds’ fourth lead of the night held up for 8-7 victory over Colorado on Friday night as a historically bad start continues for the Rockies. Only five teams (includ-

ing the 2024 Chicago White Sox and 2022 Reds, who both started 3-22) have had fewer wins through the first 25 games of an MLB season than the Rockies (4-21). The Reds took a 1-0 lead in the first off starter Kyle Freeland. Elly De La Cruz singled with two outs and scored on a base hit by Noelvi Marte. De La Cruz led off the third with an infield hit, took third on a double by Hays and scored on a groundout from Marte. Steer — 1-for-19 against left-handers entering play — homered to left to make it 4-1.

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Ex-Reds GM Walt Jocketty dies at 74

BY WARREN MAYES
ASSOCIATED PRESS
ST. LOUIS — Walt Jocketty, a three-time baseball executive of the year and former general manager for both the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cincinnati Reds, has died. He was 74. Jocketty died Friday in the Phoenix area, former Cardinals manager Tony La Russa told the team after speaking with Jocketty’s wife Sue. The Cardinals announced the death Saturday. Jocketty had been battling health issues for the several years. Before Saturday’s 6-5 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers, the Cardinals held a moment of silence for Jocketty. The Cardinals won the National League Central Division seven times under Jocketty’s leadership. St. Louis also won National League championships in 2004 and 2006 and their 10th World Series title in 2006. The 2006 champion- ship, with a team that won

83 games in the regular season, ended a 24-year drought. “On behalf of the entire St. Louis Cardinals organization, I would like to offer condolences to Walt’s family and his many friends,” Cardinals chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. said in a statement. “Walt was our first GM when we purchased the ballclub and he helped to lead our baseball operations through some of the franchises most successful and memorable years. “He will be sorely missed but long remembered for his distinguished career in baseball.” Jocketty broke into baseball with the Oakland Athletics in 1980, winning a World Series ring in 1989. Jocketty became the general manager in St. Louis on Oct. 14, 1994. After the team was sold in 1995, the new ownership kept Jocketty in his job. His biggest move was hiring La Russa in 1996. The two men had worked together in Oakland.

La Russa would go on to be the winningest manager in the Cardinals history and a Hall of Famer. Jocketty revamped the team’s roster and in 1996 the Cardinals returned to postseason play for the first time in nine seasons. In his tenure with St. Louis, Jocketty either drafted or acquired such stars as Albert Pujols, Yadier Molina, Mark McGwire, Adam Wainwright, Chris Carpenter, David Eckstein, Jason Isringhausen, Jim Edmonds, Scott Rolen and others. With Jocketty at the helm, St. Louis put together seven consecutive winning seasons. In 2004 and 2005, the Cardinals won more than 100 games. He was named the MLB Executive of the Year in 2000, 2004 and 2010. Leading up to the 2000 season, Jocketty became the first GM in baseball history to trade for a 20-game winner (Darryl

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Bids are due no later than 3:00pm on May 15th. Please mail bids to Jefferson County Commissioners Office, Attn: Unsafe Building, 300 E Main Street, Room 103, Madison, Indiana 47250.

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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON,
SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO. 39C01-2504-AD-000006
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:
SOPHIE G . ROBINSON,

RICHARD L. ROBINSON and HOLLY F. ROBINSON, Petitioners .
NOTICE TO UNNAMED FATHER
The unnamed putative father of the child born to Amanda Taylor on November 26, 2015, or the person who claims to be the father of the child born to Amanda Taylor on November 26, 2015, is notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court, Madison, Indiana 47250.
If the unnamed putative father seeks to contest the adoption of the child, the unnamed putative father must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above named court or a paternity action under IC 31-14 within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice. This notice may be served by publication.
If the unnamed putative father: (1) does not file: (A) a motion to contest the adoption; or, (B) a paternity action under IC 31-14. Within thirty (30) days after service of this notice; or (2) after filing a paternity action under IC 31-14 fails to establish paternity within a reasonable period as determined by the paternity court under IC 31-14-21-9 through IC 31-14-21-11; the above named court shall hear and determine the petition for adoption. The unnamed putative father's consent is irrevocably implied and the unnamed putative father loses the right to contest the adoption or the validity of the unnamed putative father's implied consent to the adoption. The unnamed putative father loses the right to establish paternity of the child under IC 31-14.
Nothing Richard L. Robinson or Holly F. Robinson or anyone else says to the unnamed putative father of the child relieves the unnamed putative father of his obligations under this notice.
Under Indiana law, a putative father is a person who is named as or claims that he may be the child's father." Tabatha Eblen
Jefferson Circuit Court, Clerk
Bradley Kage
814 South State Street Post Office Box 328
North Vernon, Indiana 47265
Telephone: (812) 346-6566
Attorney #5539-40

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON,
SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO. 39C01-2504-MI-000393
BARBARA SCHAUM, Plaintiff,
vs.
HOME FEDERAL BANK., EVERHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY, WELLS FARGO, NA, and
UNKNOWN INTEREST HOLDERS IN A MORTGAGE RELATED TO THE REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 11250 E 400 N, Madison, IN 47250, Defendants.
SUMMONS
TO: ANY UNKNOWN INTEREST HOLDERS IN A MORTGAGE
1152 & 1200 E 400 N, Madison, IN 47250
THE STATE OF INDIANA to the above persons/entities named as Defendants and any other persons who may be concerned.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been sued in the court above named by the person named as Plaintiff. The nature of the suit is a Complaint to Quiet Title wherein Plaintiff seeks to quiet title to the subject real estate and release unreleased mortgages held by one of the above defendants. You must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title in writing by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published and if you fail to do so title to subject real estate should be quieted in the name of Plaintiffs and the mortgages will be released.
The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Devon M. Sharpe, of Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe, 508 East Main Street, Madison, Indiana, 47250, Telephone: (812) 265-5132.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 24th day of April, 2025.
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana

REDS

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REDS 6, ROCKIES 4

Noel Marte hit a two-run homer, Austin Hays added a pair of solo drives and the Cincinnati Reds beat Colorado 6-4 on Saturday to send the Rockies to their 13th loss in 14 games.

Colorado lost its fifth game in a row and is 4-22, TJ Friedl, then struck out

the worst 26-game start in franchise history. The Rockies have been outscored by 62 runs.

Hunter Greene (3-2) struck out eight, allowing three runs and seven hits in six innings.

Emilio Pagán got his second save of the series and seventh in eight chances. He allowed a two-out RBI double in the ninth to Adael Amador on a ball that skipped past center fielder

Brenton Doyle.

Friedl had three hits for the Reds, who have won three in a row after losing five of seven. Marte has 12 hits and 12 RBIs in 27 at-bats since April 20.



STATE OF INDIANA
JEFFERSON COUNTY
IN THE JEFFERSON
CIRCUIT COURT
ESTATE DOCKET NUMBER
39C01-2411-EU-000077
IN RE THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE
OF DOROTHY A. CRAFT
DECEASED.

**NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION**
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY,
INDIANA IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
DOROTHY A. CRAFT,
DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that David M. Craft, on November 22, 2024, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Dorothy A. Craft, date of death: February 11, 2024, and is authorized to administer the estate without court supervision. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, on November 22, 2024

/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of
Jefferson County, Indiana
Attorney for Personal
Representative:
Jeffrey A. Flores, Attorney
#24882-39
112 East Third Street, Suite
200 Madison, Indiana 47250



STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE SCOTT COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF SCOTT

CASE NUMBER:
72001-2503-DN-28

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF
Heather Chambers
petitioner

V.
Earnest Chambers
respondent

SUMMONS
For Divorce Cases Only

The State of Indiana to Respondent: Earnest Chambers
1940 Cragmont Street Apt. 12
Madison, IN. 47250

You have been sued by your spouse in a divorce case. The case is pending in the Court named above.

If this Summons is accompanied by an Order Setting Hearing, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated on the Order Setting Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT. If a Temporary Restraining Order is issued, it is effective immediately upon your receipt of knowledge of the Order. If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in the matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated on the Notice of Provisional Hearing. If you take no action in this case after receipt of this Summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage and/or make determinations that may include but not limited to any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, parenting time, property (real or personal) and other distribution of assets and debts, attorney fees and costs.

Date: 3/28/2025
/s/ Michelle Shelton
clerk, Scott Superior Court



STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 39C01-2504-MI-353

THE MATTER OF:
Alexia Dawn Schwerdtfeger
Petitioner

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

Alexia Dawn Schwerdtfeger, whose mailing address is: 17 S Main Cross St., Hanover, Indiana 47243, in the Jefferson County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Alexander Harrison Adams has filed a petition in the Jefferson County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Alexia Dawn Gingerich.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: Tuesday, June 17th, 2025 @ 10:00am. Alexia Dawn Schwerdtfeger Petitioner
4/15/2025
Tabatha Eblen
Jefferson County Clerk



PUBLIC NOTICE

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REAL ESTATE



Arizona’s Suárez 19th player in MLB history to hit 4 HRs in game

BY DAVID BRANDT
AP BASEBALL WRITER

PHOENIX — Arizona Diamondbacks slugger Eugenio Suárez has had an all-or-nothing type of season.

It’s safe to say that his performance Saturday night falls squarely into the “all” category.

Suárez, a former Cincinnati Red, became the 19th player in Major League Baseball history to hit four homers in a single game, accomplishing the feat in an 8-7

loss to the Atlanta Braves in 10 innings. The third baseman is the first player in the big leagues to do it since J.D. Martinez — also for the D-backs — in 2017.

“What can I say — obviously it’s awesome,” Suárez said. “I never thought in my life that I would be able to hit four homers in a game.”

Suárez came into the game batting .167 with six homers and 15 RBIs. After Saturday, he has 19 hits this season, including 10 homers.

The 33-year-old Suárez hit a

solo shot in the second, a two-run homer in the fourth and two more solo homers in the sixth and the ninth to finish with five RBIs. His fourth homer off Braves closer Raisel Iglesias tied it at 7 as the home crowd of more than 43,000 at Chase Field roared in disbelief.

D-backs manager Torey Lovullo admitted he couldn’t believe Suárez had done it again.

“I thought there’s no way he goes deep. When does that hap-

pen?” Lovullo said. “It’s like a fairy tale. When it happened, I just was shaking my head. I couldn’t believe it. He turned around a pretty good pitch. ... It’s one of those magical nights. It’s hard to describe.”

The four baseballs traveled a combined 1,655 feet, with the longest being a 443-foot shot to center for his third homer. The first three homers came off Grant Holmes.

The Braves rallied in the 10th

to win after Matt Olson scored on a wild pitch.

“Mixed feelings right now because we didn’t win the game,” Suarez said. “But this is baseball, that’s why this game is so special. I just want to glorify God with this for the game today. It’s a gift and I don’t take it for granted.”

The Venezuelan-born veteran has hit 286 homers over a 12-year career with the Reds, Mariners and Diamondbacks.

Pacers roll Bucks 129-103 for 3-1 series lead

Milwaukee loses Lillard to injury

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — The Indiana Pacers scored at will while the Milwaukee Bucks couldn’t recover from the loss of one of their two superstar players.

Now the Pacers are on the verge of ending the Bucks’ season for a second straight year.

Myles Turner scored 23 points and the Pacers shot 60.2% on Sunday night while winning 129-103 over the Bucks, who lost Damian Lillard to a lower left leg injury midway through the first quarter.

The preliminary examination of Lillard indicat-

ed a possible Achilles tendon injury, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team did not immediately reveal those details.

“Once he kind of looked back, I think we all kind of knew what it was,” Turner said. “It’s a weird feeling to describe because you have to still compete, you have to get out there, but you just never want to see that happen to another athlete who puts in as much time as he does to his craft and to his game, like we all do.

“It’s very disheartening, but it happens fast. It’s the

playoffs. You have to be able to move on.”

The Pacers, who beat Milwaukee 4-2 in the first round last year, can eliminate the Bucks again by winning Game 5 on Tuesday in Indianapolis. The Bucks have lost eight straight road playoff games and the last five of those defeats have come at Indiana.

Milwaukee might have to try ending that streak without Lillard, who was helped off the court and into the locker room after suffering a non-contact injury midway through the first quarter.

“They’re going to do an image tomorrow,” Bucks coach Doc Rivers said. “Obviously, it’s lower leg.

And, just being honest, it’s not very promising.”

The Pacers led 15-12 at the time of Lillard’s departure and seized control without him, as eight Pacers scored in double figures.

Aaron Nembhard had 20 points and Tyrese Haliburton had 17 points and 15 assists. T.J. McConnell had 15 points, Aaron Nesmith 14 and Obi Toppin 13. Pascal Siakam and Jarace Walker added 12 points each.

Milwaukee’s Giannis Antetokounmpo had 28 points, 15 rebounds and six assists before leaving with 4:44 left and the Bucks trailing 120-98. Kevin Porter Jr. added 23 points for the Bucks.

WALT

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Kile from Colorado) and a 40 home run hitter (Edmonds from Anaheim) in the same offseason.

After he was fired by the Cardinals in 2007 because of differences

with ownership, Jocketty was hired by the Cincinnati Reds as a special adviser on Jan. 11, 2008. He then was named general manager of the Reds after Wayne Krivsky was fired on April 23, 2008. He served in that role until Dick Williams replaced him on Dec. 27, 2016.

Jocketty was replaced by

John Mozeliak in St. Louis.

“He was a great man,” Mozeliak said after Saturday’s game. “In terms of baseball, he loved it. His influence on myself and this organization was huge. Trying to sum it up in a sentence or two is difficult but his impact is something that I think will always be remembered.

His legacy will age well.”

Despite replacing him when he was fired, Mozeliak said the two remained close.

“That was a different time, of course,” Mozeliak said. “In the end, we ended up being friends again. We both understood this is part of the business. I think he was proud of the

success I ended up having.”

The Reds made the playoffs three times when Jocketty served as the GM — in 2010, 2012 and 2013. They have made the playoffs only once since.

Jocketty was hired in 1980 by Oakland. Jocketty spent 14 seasons in the A’s organization as director of

minor league operations, director of baseball administration, and as right-hand man to Sandy Alderson. During his time with Oakland he helped the A’s win three American League pennants and the 1989 World Series.

Jocketty is survived by his wife and two children, Ashley and Joey.

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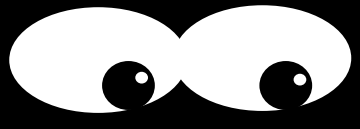
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Bengals maintain focus on improving defense, O-line in draft

BY JOE REEDY
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Cincinnati used most of its off-season to make sure Joe Burrow had his top two playmakers wearing orange and black for a long time.

With Tee Higgins and Ja'Marr Chase signed, the Bengals turned their focus to two areas for the NFL draft — trying to keep Burrow upright and continuing to make over the defense.

Cincinnati did that with five of its six picks being either on defense or the offensive line.

“We can go play football now. Obviously, our players don’t know the scheme yet, we haven’t gotten that piece yet. But we can put a depth chart out there and feel really good about where we are at. That’s a big piece that helps us sleep well at night right now,” coach Zac Taylor said.

Al Golden, the Bengals linebacker coach for two seasons (2020-21), returns to Cincinnati as defensive coordinator tasked with turning around a unit that was 25th in the league in total defense (348.3 yards allowed per

game), allowed 414 points, fifth most, and allowed a touchdown on 67.9% of opponent’s red zone possessions, the third-worst rate in the NFL.

Texas A&M defensive end Shemar Stewart, the 17th overall pick, has the potential to be a run defender as a rookie while honing his pass rushing skills. Stewart led the Aggies with 39 quarterback pressures last season but had only 1 1/2 sacks.

If the Bengals trade All-Pro defensive lineman Trey Hendrickson before the start of the season, the acceleration will have to happen quicker. Hendrickson is going into the final year of his contract and is seeking a new deal.

Cincinnati also drafted a pair of linebackers if it decides to move on from Germaine Pratt, who requested a trade. South Carolina’s Demetrius Knight Jr., a second-round pick, excels in stopping the run and can be used in early downs. Clemson’s Barrett Carter, taken in the fourth round, was productive as a three-year starter and has coverage skills.

Taylor thinks he has the right

coach in Golden to get all three to play quickly.

“Tremendous belief in Al. I think he’s got great conviction in what he wants to do on defense and how he’s going to do it, who he needs to do it with,” Taylor said. “That defensive staff, as well — I think we’ve got great teachers, guys that believe in what they believe in and are excited about the players that we have in the building. That’s all important. That makes me really excited, and can’t wait to see these guys get to work, get these guys in the classroom first, get them on the field.”

PLUG AND PLAY

Taylor expects third-round pick Dylan Fairchild to come in right away and compete for a starting spot on the offensive line.

“Left guard is absolutely his to win,” offensive coordinator Dan Pitcher said.

It would be the second straight year a University of Georgia lineman would start as a rookie for the Bengals. Amarius Mims, last year’s first-round

pick, is the starter at right tackle.

Fairchild called working with new Bengals offensive line coach Scott Peters “match made in heaven” and added that coming to a pass-heavy team “fits my play style well.”

While Peters is a former Jiu-Jitsu world champion as well as a mixed martial arts coach, Fairchild was a decorated wrestler in high school. Peters and Fairchild worked through wrestling moves during a pre-draft visit.

JACK OF ALL TRADES?

Fifth-round pick Jalen Rivers started 20 games at Miami at left tackle, but is seen more as a guard in the NFL. He played in 12 games with 10 starts at left guard in 2021 and ‘22 with the Hurricanes.

Rivers also took snaps at center during the Senior Bowl.

Rivers said blocking for Cam Ward this past season should serve him well coming to a team with Burrow, who has been among the most-sacked quarterbacks in the league during his

five years in the NFL.

“You’ve got to hold onto your blocks. With him, he’s holding the ball for eight (seconds), so you’ve got to let him do his thing to get guys open and make plays. You’ve got to give him that time, so it was important to all of us to keep him clean,” Rivers said of blocking for Ward. “It feels great to block for a quarterback like that, and now Joe Burrow.”

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

The Bengals final pick was Texas Tech running back Tahj Brooks in the sixth round.

Brooks committed to play college football at Tulsa and was recruited by current Bengals running backs coach Justin Hill. Brooks ended up decommitting and playing for Texas Tech, but Hill’s relationship with Brooks gave the Bengals some additional perspective.

Brooks had 1,000-yard seasons in each of his final two years at Texas Tech, but there were some concerns by teams with him having 576 carries in 2023 and ‘24.

Colts start with dynamic TE, close with offensive help at draft

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts general manager Chris Ballard opened their NFL draft by taking the playmaking tight end they desperately needed.

He closed it by following the script — heavy on offense, plugging holes on defense.

Ballard found a versatile, over-the-middle pass catcher for whichever player wins the starting quarterback competition between Anthony Richardson and Daniel Jones, a running back to reduce the workload of Jonathan Taylor, depth on the offensive line and, yes, even a developmental quarterback.

“They’re all productive, all really mature players and men with an element of toughness and maturity that we wanted to add,” Ballard said.

While former Notre Dame star Riley Leonard ignited some Day 3 talk, it was first-round pick Tyler Warren of Penn State, who really excited fans. He was chosen No. 14 overall.

The selection ends a

four-year search that started when two-time Pro Bowler Jack Doyle retired after the 2021 season and concluded with the Colts posting the lowest reception total from tight ends in the league last season.

What they’re getting in Warren is someone who has demonstrated he’s a dependable receiver, a strong runner after the catch, capable of converting third downs under center and even throwing a pass or two.

Warren’s presence should allow coach Shane Steichen plenty to get creative with his newest playmaker in the tight end room as he’s done at previous stops.

“He’s a guy who can do it all. He can catch, he can run, he can throw, we might play him on defense,” Steichen joked. “When I was in San Diego, we had the (Antonio) Gates rule. If you’ve him on one-on-one throw him the ball.”

Saturday’s picks will have roles, too.

Ballard took running back D.J. Giddens of Kansas State in the fifth round, No. 151 overall, after he

rushed for more than 3,000 yards and catching 58 passes in three college seasons. Indy needed a better No. 2 back for Taylor, who had 303 carries in 14 games last season, and at 6-2, 212 pounds, Giddens looks as if he’ll be a good fit.

Leonard isn’t likely to be in the mix to start next season, but he could fill the No. 3 spot. He’s a strong runner, like Richardson, and has been working on his accuracy throughout the draft process.

Now all Steichen has to do is piece it together and make it work.

“I think the biggest thing when I watched his tape was the toughness he plays with, it’s undeniable,” Steichen said of Warren. “No doubt you can put a lot on his plate, put him in different roles. Throughout the offseason, throughout training camp we’ll be looking to do different things with them.”

Indy also selected defensive end JT Tuimolou of Ohio State in Round 2 and defensive tackle Tim Smith of Alabama in Round 6 before finishing

the weekend by selecting Hunter Wohler in the seventh round. Wohler played safety at Wisconsin but the Colts project him as a linebacker.

WELL CONNECTED

Indy used its fourth-round pick on Jalen Travis, a 6-foot-8, 339-pound offensive tackle who played at Iowa State and Princeton and has quite the list of athletic connections.

His cousin, Ross, spent three of his seven NFL seasons with Indy. One brother, Reid, played basketball at Stanford and Kentucky while another, Jonah, played basketball at Harvard. One sister, Grace, is a beach volleyball player at Saint Mary’s and another sister, Olivia, is an assistant coach for Western Illinois’ women’s basketball team.

He also was AAU teammates with two NBA players — Oklahoma City center Chet Holmgren and Orlando guard Jalen Suggs. And the brother of Colts receiver Alec Pierce, Caden, played on Princeton’s Sweet 16 basketball team in 2023.

SURPRISE

The Colts used free agency to upgrade a struggling secondary with cornerbacks Charvarius Ward and Corey Ballentine and safety Camryn Bynum. Those moves should help.

But it was the choice of cornerback Justin Walley in the third round that drew criticism.

Some analysts had him rated as a sixth-rounder. Ballard saw something else.

“He is really good,” Ballard said Friday night. “Let me tell you this, he’s got a (broken) wrist. In a time when people don’t want to work out — we have guys ducking it — he does everything and runs 4.37 (in the 40-yard dash) with a cast on his wrist.”

PAYING TRIBUTE

The Colts also paid tribute to Coral Cressman Terpening on Saturday by wearing light orange T-shirts with the message “Your light lives on in all of us, CCT.” The wife of Colts director of college scouting Matt Terpening died April 12 while attending a volleyball tournament with her two daughters in Louisville. She was 45 years old.

The two daughters were in the draft room Saturday and teams around the league also participated in the tribute. Ballard nearly broke down at his post-draft news conference while thanking the broadcast networks and teams for participating.

WHAT’S NEXT?

Ballard acknowledged there’s still work to do this offseason.

The most glaring hole remains at linebacker where the Colts didn’t really like their options this weekend, but they may not be as short-handed as it appears in the scheme of new defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo.

Indy also could be looking for help along the offensive and defensive lines and possibly another receiver.

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